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POLITICAL SHARK-JUMPING

Just one gaffe can destroy a high-end career. Can Bellinda Stronach avoid that?

IF YOU FOLLOW pop culture, you probably know the expression "jumping the shark." It refers to an episode of the old television show *Happy Days* in which Fonzie faces sharks and escapes them on water skis. That was the moment at which the show went over the top. The expression means the point at which something or someone does something so preposterous that virtually all credibility is lost, and it—or has or

she—can never be taken seriously again.

Politics, with its high stakes and low costs, often offers no shortage of shark-jumping. The latest is Howard Dean, whose apoplexy after his loss in the Iowa primaries may have doctored his presidential hopes. As with most classic cases of shark-jumping, it turned out to be about a specific element of character, and made clear those doubts were justified.

In Canada, past shark jumpers include Stockwell Day, with his appearance before reporters on a *White Banner*, and former Toronto mayor Mel Lastman, with his declaration that he was afraid of flying. Afraid because he feared finding himself "in a pair of boeing wings with natives dancing around me." You could also argue that Joe Clark's world tour in 1979—during which he said and did a series of awkward things—was an example of shark jumping from which he never fully recovered.



Joe Clark's world tour in 1979 was an extended case of shark jumping from which he never fully recovered

fact that many political journalists are as suspicious as the people they cover of our side in sounding their own self-concern roles, taking off outsiders' understandings some people reporting on her often. The sharks, in this case, have been waiting from the moment she entered the race. Like Fonzie, she's chosen to make a glorious jump. Unlike him, she now has no avoid being noticed in the process.

In the past year, many readers have inquired about *Executive* editor Bob Leslie, who's been on leave fighting cancer. He's back at work, looking healthy, uncharged, other than a gemic (notabell), and being in caring, always patient and considerate as ever overlength photo selection, and anything that has anything to do with basketball or hockey. All, in short, as it should be here again. We're delighted.

Anthony Wilson-Smith

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'The key to making our cities work will be motivating the people who live within them to get involved in their operation and betterment.' —Brett Gulyas, Toronto

City planning

The problems of cities may be similar, but their priorities are different ("How to make our cities work," Cover, Jan. 19). Infrastructure may be a major concern in Toronto and Calgary, but not in Montréal and Halifax, which have emerged growth much better. Therefore, cities should be allowed to find their own ways to deal with challenges, and federal and provincial governments should allow them freedom to do more than just property. Cities should be allowed to have their own income tax, gasoline tax or whatever they wish. It will be a big step forward even if just pressure on illegal liquor's tax base. Nothing will improve and we get out of the mentality that taxes are evil and there is no room in tax cutting.

Stephen John, Ontario

The choice of mayor Gulyas ("Incredible for the Montreal version of your cover on how to make a city work" writer says) indeed. The communities on Montreal Island were forced into a merger without any sort of democratic consultation. Happy suburbs were just annexed. Some property taxes went up, services went down, roads and highways fell apart, councillors representing former cities got left up and out. The first major school will not sell on downtown streets to the point that shoppers won't elsewhere—and much, much more.

Bill Hayes, Montreal

No in-depth analysis about managing (or changing) the huge traffic flow, nothing about the difficulties of dealing with a population far a huge concentrated population, nothing about sewage treatment, nothing about the long-term environmental effects of urban sprawl. There was no analysis of the social effects and stress of a megacity. Nothing about change in corporate culture and relocation to outlying communities. Nothing about strategies to re-educate the population and culture away from the megacity environment. And no suggestion of any solutions.

Steven Kirk, Peterborough, Ont.



At loggerheads

As a former safety specialist, I am appalled at the extent in which logging accidents are still happening in B.C. ("Road in the woods," National Columnists, Jan. 19). Reading your report reminds me of what we faced in Ontario Hydro in the late '70s and early '80s. Two lumberjacks would partner with many others seriously injured. Like the B.C. logging industry, we were always blaming the worker. But we changed the way we worked, made management more accountable and made sure that the workers were provided with and used the appropriate safety equipment and work methods. In other words, working safely became

a way of life, and fatal accidents stopped for seven years. It is not an easy task, but if the will is there, it can and has been done.

Don Buckingham, Sharrowville, Ont.

'A nice word for assault'

As a recently retired judge, who held countless people accountable for their whacking, and also was raised by parents who never whacked, I was struck by Brian Ferguson's comments about school boards in some provinces allowing corporal punishment ("The day I unwhacked," Over to You, Jan. 12). Adults are charged and punished for hitting others, especially if they use a weapon. We've always had exceptions under some circumstances, even could in their wives, employers their employees. Those exceptions have gone the way of the dodo. But now, the only exception applies to kids. Surely the day has come when it should be illegal to whack kids, especially to use or threaten to use a weapon (rap/mallet). Whacking is just a nice word for assault, and stopping just a palatable word for assault with a weapon. Neither are needed to punish or teach kids, and we certainly shouldn't be delegating decisions about it to local school boards.

René Morrissey, Prince George

In the late 1930s, my Grade 2 teacher is still down central Fraser used mulberry bushes as canes instead of the strap. It was the class monitor's job to see that every morning a fresh, supple cane was on the teacher's desk, ready for use. Invariably snipped terribly and left green maroon all over. My parents took it in stride: "You must have done something wrong to deserve it." One teacher delighted in hourly writing our names. Once when I had a bad cold, I just persistently made some obnoxious sounds in class. When the teacher took hold of my nose and wouldn't let me out, I blew as hard as I could till he never again wrote our names. But I also owe my love for Urdu poetry to the same teacher.

Lochan Bhambhani, Coquitlam

Also, I was a student who was whacked many years ago, and I think all the talk about the strap being so violent has been blown out of proportion. In school I received the strap once or twice for something I had done wrong, and the second time because, like so many young boys, I begged the teacher on until she had to give me the strap, a badge of



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honest. What I like remember about school from those days is that the classrooms were quiet, we listened to what the teacher said and we learned. My grandfather about school today as living in a war, chaos, an atmosphere not conducive to learning. When he complained to the teacher about all the noise in his classroom and how hard it was to concentrate, he was told to "ignore the noise." Whether or not it was the dreaded strap that brought order to the classroom, students in those days paid by had respect for teachers, parents and authority in general. Something we do not see today.

Mark Gordon, Novato, CA



"It is completely unrealistic to expect all children to succeed to a B or an A level."

Evaluating evaluation

As a teacher who has been around for nearly 30 years and currently teaches special education in an Ontario elementary school, I agree that the current climate of assessment and grade reporting is damaging the motivation and learning of many students as well as destroying the morale of many teachers, especially the essential math guides. "Why report cards don't tell the truth," (Cover, Jan. 12)

Now believe a huge curriculum and rigid mandates to ensure consistency in grading. This has led to a generation of teachers who often overwork rather than teach children, also spending more time on assessing students than on assisting them to learn. It has created a culture where teaching to the test is a

virtue, not a sin. The curriculum itself has many great elements and, when taught correctly, can inspire creativity and knowledge. However, many teachers are caught on the treadmill of eternal program delivery and evaluation, not just filling the buckets but constantly weighing them.

Steve Jennings, Toronto, Ont.

As a retired educator, I want to emphasize the same silent fear about report card grades—they report the student's achievement, what he/she has learned. A letter grade reflects both the level of achievement and the student's achievement compared to classmates. Furthermore, it is completely unrealistic to expect all children to succeed to a B or an A level! All children are not created equal. Get used to it.

Frank Dorian, Amherstford, Ont.

CANADA READS 2004

Jim Corley chose *Richard III*

David Guterson chose *Skin Money*

Shirley Brice Gowans chose *Monica Pellegrini*

Fionnuala O'Flaherty chose *It's Me, I'm Sorry*

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NOMINATE A TOP CANADIAN SCHOOL

Maclean's and *Today's Parent* are doing a special report on top Canadian public schools (and Catholic schools), with 25,000 elementary and high schools to choose from, we need your help.

Education is constantly under scrutiny, but usually it's the flaws in the system that come to the fore. Things like mouldy ceilings and peeling paint, violence in the schoolyard, and cuts to music and physical education classes get the headlines. "We tend to overlook the good news—even though many of us can point to committed educators and innovative programs in our own communities," says Maclean's Editor Anthony Wilson-Smith. "There are lots of principals out there putting in 14-hour days to create a vibrant and inspiring culture in their schools. It's time we celebrated that," adds Deney Marchant, Managing Editor of *Today's Parent*.

You can help by sending us your nominations. We've pulled together experts and developed a list of 18 things that make an exceptional school: high-quality classroom teachers; principal's leadership skills; teamwork; parent communication and involvement; a caring, respectful, orderly and secure school environment; community involvement; high student expectations; student engagement; and leadership; academic excellence; and excellence and innovation in non-core programs.

To nominate a public or Catholic school, go to macleans.ca (for high schools) and todayparent.com (for elementary and middle schools). Follow the links and fill out a nomination form. Or write us with the name, address and phone number of the school you're nominating, include the principal's name and a brief summary of what you think makes it exceptional. Don't forget to include your own name and phone number, too. Send your application by fax to 416-764-5610 (attention: Sue Ferguson) or by post to: Maclean's Great Schools Project, One Mount Pleasant Road, Toronto, ON, M4Y 2Y5.

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Politics | After the screaming

On the Internet and the late-night talk shows where American politics is best taken with a Valentine's dinner, it is referred to simply as "The Screams." A near-edited attempt at crowd control by a failing presidential hopeful, former Senator Howard Dean. Dean's emotional concession speech after failing to third in Iowa—the first in a month-long run of state-level primaries and caucuses—has quickly become legend, one of those defining moments when you find out more about a candidate than you really care to—and where the ear-splitting ways of presidential politics appears to take a decisive turn.

Dean's use, he played to stereotype, that of the angry middle-aged achiever who can't handle adversity. The former Vermont governor, 58, may have succumbed to the mood of Democratic voters who, unused to their hero George W. Bush, were a standard bearer with a more presidential bearing—and a pronounced better shot at winning Massachusetts Senator John Kerry's endorsement.

The 60-year-old Kerry, who survived into the nation's consciousness 30 odd years ago as a much-discredited Vietnam vet who actively opposed that war, was fighting winner in law, and looked to build on that momentum in a tough-minded New Hampshire, the Jan. 27 contest that will set the tone for a seven-state battle on Feb. 3. A Boston blueblood who married well—his wife is heir to the Heinz fortune—Kerry is the angular opposite to Dean's chubbily emotionalism, almost a stereotypical member of the old school, new-age sensible aisle. Their main policy difference is on the war in Iraq. Dean has been vehemently opposed from



A ambitious Kerry takes the lead while Dean is forced to roll up his sleeves



the beginning. Kerry would harshly criticize the invasion—but only, he says, as a way to threaten Saddam to comply with the UN.

Of course, there are others in the mix. North Carolina Senator John Edwards is a surprising sound in Iowa, and retired Gov. Wesley Clark and Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman are still to be named. And don't forget Dean and Bush, still pro-mary selkis five years ago and look where he is in the White House, where he sought to steal the Democratic thunder by suggesting the same thing State of the Union address on the heels of the low-vote. He might have gone ink, too, if not for The Screen.

Quote of the week | "Without confidential sources, many important stories of considerable public interest would not have been published."

Ottawa Superior Court Judge MARY LOUISE BENNOTT, presiding for the National Post on the same day the RCMP raided the home of Ottawa journalist Julian O'Neill and another

ScoreCard

RCMP
Protects country from terrorists by using Canadian laws and threat against veterans' rights to keep Canadian forces from Canada into the United States; another two species of black constitutional rights, yes RCMP we'll do it for them.

President Lester
Getty Soring, Ont., Grade 10 student to write letter for red flag homework. Says to class task "pushes the child into my face." I'm glad, nephews right to pen essay on the folly of writing them. Smart boy, see Smart teacher, too.

Death and Taxes
Heads out doors while checking tax returns—in a last independence of the universities. Co-workers, assume he's impressed at his tax avoidance. In reality, he's an ardent Socialist, but consider tax implications must be taken before writing done?

Brinda Spikes
They're not spikes but spikes in the ground. Pretty simple concept. Pretty simple to run across our country, covered with nothing but trees. Just spikes and a dress? Sorry, understanding just passing a poor game plan perhaps. Maybe that's why Major built just auto parts, not the whole car.

Johnny Blues
Dallas Petrie had singer Jake Jones TV show, which spreads feeling crystals. Seven days in Australia, people. (Now there's a public service.) Michael Davis of the agency partner asks: "Aren't they already dead?" Apparently not, but don't make TV kinda like that though.

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THE HARBOUR THREAT

Canada is beefing up anti-terrorism security
In our ports, but we remain vulnerable at sea

GOVERNMENTS ADAPT slowly to changing times. Buried in a recent Senate report on coastal security, there is the chilling observation that a Canadian Security Intelligence Service officer in our embassy in The Hague never raised the nearby port facilities in Rotterdam, even though it was a major embarkation point for Canada-bound vessels. Instead, the focused her attention on the International Court of Justice. "The international committee of experts noted tartly, 'because an assessment of what kind of suspicious vessels might be departing for Canada'."

About 30 months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, we still do not have proper shipping security. Last month, Paul Martin created a security cabinet committee and a Public Safety Department under Deputy PM Anne McLellan. Good start, but it is hard to fix security when you don't have solid intelligence or good defenses. We have neither. "If you look at where security, if you add it all up, it is frightening," says Wesley White, a terrorism relations professor at Toronto's Munk Centre for International Studies.

The most easily solvable problem comes in the ports. In December 2002, Canada endorsed extensive new security measures drawn up by the 164-nation International Maritime Organization, the UN agency that promotes maritime safety. Federal bureaucrats are now drafting more than 600 regulations to ensure full compliance by Canadian ships and port facilities by Dec. 31, for one, larger vessel entries. Our seafarers will be required to carry transponders broadcasting details of their destination.

By July 1, port facilities, including the 79 major ones, must produce plans to meet minimum security standards such as perimeter fencing, surveillance cameras, secure access-area and security databases for personnel. They must then implement those plans within a "reasonable time frame." Clearly, such measures should have been introduced long ago. Now, the rush to comply could hit port facilities like the Canadian Council for Maritime Security, which represents port operators, says the cost could be as much as \$100 million—and has asked for Ottawa's help with the tab. (The U.S. government has found US\$679 million for its ports since Sept. 11.)

And there is the more difficult question of security on the seas. As the Senate report noted, the Canadian navy sees its role as providing long-term deployments offshore. Its coastal vessels are too clunky and too slow to police the coast, or track them to transoceans. But the Canadian Coast Guard is untrained in policing and its vessels are unarmed. It would probably need new cutters to perform coastguard duties. "We need to be able to look beyond the horizon, to know what is coming at us," says White. "And we do not have the capabilities."

So what now? Martin put the Transport Department in charge of transport security. But then he turned the coast guard into a special operating agency of Fisheries. Senate committee chair Colin Kenny feels that isn't—but he would take. The coast guard should police our waters—on the part of the Deputy PM's Public Safety Department. "We should be able to see coast guard, navy and air force people, side by side, at operations centres on both coasts," he says. "We need a seamless fusion of intelligence." Meanwhile, his report remains quiet: we have the "longest under-defended borders in the world."

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reportedly \$100,000. In fact, pay John Ralston A. T. Lee, was former chief of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police 50 years after he was captured during the first days of the Korean War and held in a POW camp in North Korea, instead last year by returning across its border into China. But it took two months to convince officials he may a POW.



The slender 6-foot-tall Lee was not arrested, nor was he ever been charged with treason, but instead laid up the entire time. In January, Dr. Maxine McCalman, a retired Dr. Maxine McCalman, a retired neurologist from Vancouver, said Lee had been "very well treated" in a Vancouver park.



A Canadian law firm has reportedly handled many portfolios, including that of the Chinese dissident Chen Guangcheng. Valued at \$1.5 million, the estimates date from the early 1990s and were on loan to the gallery from the Chinese dissident Chen Thomson. They were kept in a locked glass cabinet, but it was soon in a section of the building covered by video surveillance.

WORLD

BANNING Demonstrators from Pakistan to Peru and throughout the Middle East took to the streets to condemn France's intention to ban religious apparel such as crosses, yarmulkes and Muslim head scarves in public schools. But the Chirac government would not back down: an education minister even suggested the ban should be extended to headbands because of their "religious purpose."

Though not nearly as important as a debate on religious tolerance, a Cairo court nonetheless upheld Egypt's ban on foreign ballyhooed as being able to work in its tourism industry trade.

SHIRLEY Her popularity already waning, ailing First Angel Sharon tested on the political abyss as Israel protesters indicted her as responsible this far in charge of trying to settle the imbroglio through his son, with nearly \$900,000 in the last 1990s. Sharon was charged, but was interrogated at length and an arrest was not ruled out.

CRIMINALS In a huge legal reversal, Britain's attorney general ordered a review of the convictions of more than 250 persons found guilty of killing their infants. After reexamining a woman convicted in the deaths of eight pre-termers, of two of her children, an appeal court called for an end to prosecuting parents when suddenly infant death syndromes



LOOKING DOWN Heavy rain clouds. Above: Aerial world photos from the Second World War, including this one of the D-Day landing at Normandy, France, in June 1944, were released on the Internet by archivists of Kent University, England. Worldwide interest has overwhelmed the Web site: www.violenthistory.com. There's little or no censoring, so you get a plane-to-eye view of everything from Auschwitz to broken-down Higgins boats.

is a possibility because there is not enough known about how it kills.

IAAQ Deployment sources predicted the UN will return to Iraq to set off early elections as he held by June or some reasonable date. Nearly 300,000 Shia demonstrated peacefully in Baghdad, calling for direct election. The Secretary General's office asserted he was still seeking advice on security for his mission, a concern punctuated by a suicide truck bombing that killed 25 and injured more than 100 near the entrance to the U.S. headquarters in Baghdad.

PYROSTARS Nearly a dozen of Pakistan's top nuclear scientists have been detained and questioned, in an attempt to see if they passed on secrets of the so-called **Stealth Bomber** to terrorist LeT. Pakistani authorities sent its own investigators to Lahore and Islamabad, where the governments have only recently agreed to co-operate with international nuclear watchdogs.

POLLUTION Egyptian and French authorities, now armed with the black box recordings of the holiday plane that plummeted into the Red Sea on Jan. 3, reported no signs of terrorism or explosion in the crash that killed 148, mostly of them French tourists.

The teenage boy whose accusations of child molestation are the basis of charges against entertainer Michael Jackson, it is inclusion and very sick with cancer, having

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lose a kidney and an spleen; surgery to remove a large tumour, a family lawyer said.

CHEATY In what may be the world's largest scheme on a single charge, lumber heiress Joie Kesten, widow of the man who started McDonald's, left almost US\$1.8 billion—nearly 90 per cent of her estate—to the Salvation Army. The heiress would have the Sally Ann built up to 30 community centers, modeled on the upscale one in her hometown of San Diego, Calif., in desperate neighbourhoods across the U.S. (She died in October of brain cancer at 75.)

HEALTH | SCIENCE

SURGERY A Montreal children's hospital wants to track down and cure 2,604 young patients who were operated on between 1990 and 2001 by a surgeon infected with the AIDS virus/HIV. The surgeon, Mario Di Lorio, died in August at 48 and his exact date was known, unless in the early 1990s, in his supervisor at Sainte-Justine Hospital who disengaged him from his committee work. But neither his patients nor top administrators were made aware of his condition. Hospital officials say the risk of visiting the virus is very low. There are two known cases of patients acquiring HIV through surgery, in France and Spain, both involving what called exposure-prone procedures where a surgeon has a higher chance of being cut while operating.



MONKEY BUSINESS About a fifth of humans—including this boy in a monkey mask at a spring festival—looking to film and edit their movies for the start of Chinese New Year, the year of the monkey, which begins on Feb. 26.

PENIS ZOMBIES A U.S. fertility doctor from Kentucky, who'd been suspended for having performed a cloned embryo in a 38-year-old woman, using cells from her husband, now says the operation did not take place anywhere in the U.S. or North America and that he would never again do full surrogacy accounting of the pregnancy.

CANADA

KAREN NATALE Melinda, Chief Justice Gauthier's wife, has been turned down by an angry crowd, was still in serious, but the Quebec government said it was determined to bring order to the troubled reserve, just west of Montreal. Public Security Minister Jacques Chagnon announced a tripartite

force of RCMP, Sûreté du Québec officers and native policekeepers, with a nearly \$1-million budget, to take on drug runners in Kahnawake and nearby communities.

CAPITAL RIGHTS Ottawa will appeal a court ruling requiring retroactive pension benefits to some sex couples to 1985, the year the equality rights section of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms came into effect.

SC told an approximately 300 marriage commissioners to perform same-sex weddings when asked—or resign. Some had complained that the controversial ceremonies were not enshrined in legislation.

TRAILER Transport Canada suspended the operating licence of the small airline whose *Cessna Citations* crashed through the ice of Lake Erie, killing all 10 on board. Eight of the progressive friends on an emotional hunting trip to Prince Edward Island. Cold and shelling ice were preventing down flights to recondition the bodies.

ECONOMY In the wake of a surging and more costly loonie, the Bank of Canada lowered its main interest rate a quarter of a per centage point to 2.5 per cent. It also warned of much slower economic growth for 2004, a modest 2.75 per cent, down from the 3.25 per cent the bank had predicted just three months ago.

POLITICS Paul Martin dominated \$3.8-billion surplus from his leadership campaign to pay down the federal budget deficit. New Govt Scott Brison, meanwhile, turned down an inappropriate past Liberal lawmaker in Toronto to pay off the \$33,000 he owed from his failed run at the leadership. Federal Liberals who submitted a competing call the Coops clause, named after disgraced Hamilton Liberal Steve Coop, a written requirement that all prospective candidates agree not to run for another party if they lose a Liberal nomination.

Mansbridge on the Record



WANTED: MORE WOMEN

Being female remains an obstacle in politics. Being from Ontario hurts, too.

THREE CANDIDATES are running for the leadership of the new Conservative party—one from Alberta and two from Ontario. So a question on their minds is: Who has the best chance of winning? The best bet would be the Albertan. Here's why.

One wing of the new party draws its strength from the Reform party, the United Atlantic and the Canadian Alliance. In their combined 16-year history, they've always had Albertans for leaders. The old Progressive Conservative party elected leaders from Alberta, Quebec, British Columbia or Saskatchewan for the last half century. You have to go back before John Diefenbaker to find a Tory leader from Ontario. George Davis, a former premier who, when he was national, never made it past Louis St. Laurent. Speaking of the Liberals, their last leader with an Ontario seat was Lester Pearson, more than 30 years ago.

Why can't Ontario produce a leader for the neophytes that historically bottle for top spot? Is it the size of the province so dominant by Ottawa in general? And Tasmania as particular? Or is an Ontario leader too much to take? Perhaps, but a good number of Ontarians aren't voting for Ontario either, and that just adds to the mystery.

There's another distinction the new parties share—a much more diverse cast than Ontario's long-time absence at the leadership position. Both parties are different, by their admission, in recruiting a greater number of women as well, especially readings where they have a serious chance of winning. Combined, Terry Auditor (former minister from the 2000 election) and

women were candidates in only 12 per cent of ridings where the parties had candidates. The Liberals were better, but 22 per cent is along way from parity. By comparison, the NDP won 30 per cent. Then there's the net, where positions fall to dispensationary numbers to men. While Paul Martin boasts about appointing more women than any other prime minister, he hasn't the record only by one.

Enter Alberta's Stephen, ready, the says, to tackle brief mugs head-on. For all her millions and her bluster in strategics, she is very much an amateur quantity. Her well-rehearsed and professionally unpolished launch was adequate, perhaps even impressive for a first-timer, but it's what she does on the campaign trail with little time that will tell her political karma. Two months in a year can campaign, but it can feel awfully long if you get in the way. She won't be the only one to trust that she's trained by leadership rivals and how that could both be mutual, too. Already nervous are getting calls and emails challenging the few websites being developed here and there. Stephen calling her by her first name (not helped by her own "What the f--- falsehoods), and describing as "young and good-looking"—even "hot"—are being quickly countered with charges of sexism, and claims that such journalism is without comparison in reportage and male politicos. These won't appear to be calls from some Magna phone book, they're deadly serious, with the message that women, no matter what party, get short shrift when running for the top job in the land.

If you don't buy into the claim of double standards, stacked-decks and old boys' clubs, then answer this question: how many women have been elected first minister in that country? Anne, Catherine Callbeck in Prince Edward Island, in 1933.

Peter Mansbridge is chief correspondent of CBC Television News and Author of *The National* (1990). *Intermission*

Passages

—OBITUARY Mother Earth, 33, the Okanagan conservationist whose case has become a cause célèbre for individual rights in the age of terror, died the U.S. government. Her trial is set to begin in April. After spending almost a year in a Syrian jail where she said she was tortured

—OBITUARY Speed skating queen *Carriera La May Duan*, who retired from competitive racing in spring after an impressive 23-year career, is expecting her first child in May. The 33-year-old Sakhalin native lives in Calgary with husband Baer Doan.

—STARRED Ottawa native Jessie Palmer, the 28-year-old backup quarterback for the New York Giants, has signed to be the rose girl on the reality dating show *The Bachelor*, to air on April 1. Palmer is to choose among 25 women in a quest to find true love.

—ARMED 10 Montreal police made an early morning arrest of reputed Mafia kingpin Vito Rizzuto, 57, suspected of being a triggerman in the gangland purge of three legal captains of the Banffone crime family in New York in 1981. New York prosecutors instead targeted Rizzuto, the only Canadian swept up in a massive crackdown of alleged Banffone family gang members.

CONFIRMED

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has announced that he will step down as Tory leader. Even so, 37, watched his party go down to defeat at the hands of the Liberals in last October's election.

On the heels of an RCMP raid on the offices of two ministerial aides, BC's ruling Liberals suffered another setback when Gordon Hogg, minister of children and families, stepped down. At issue was a \$400,000 debt apparently forgiven by his ministry without cabinet approval.

DEAD

Bob Keeshan, the grandfatherly entertainer who delighted youngsters and their parents for 36 years as TV's Captain Kangaroo, died at 76 in Hamden, Vt., after a long illness.

RUNNING FOR ALL THEY'RE WORTH

The Conservative leadership hopefuls also face an election, says JOHN GIDDINGS

FOR ALL THE TALK about how attractive Schena Strauch is, her campaign launch for Conservative leadership was not pretty. She was too wooden in the jargon to her shabby confab speech, too weary to let her considerable charm, she's reported to wield in private, shine through when she faced the media afterwards. But, then, she is the sort of political conning party is her home-town, Aurora, Ont., just north of Toronto, was to present her as a parental woman, not merely witness. And to accomplish that, as her wily campaign director John Langacker explained to Maclean's, the top priority was to quell the speculation that Strauch might be all personality and no policy. So he offered a series of pious promises, from proposing partial mortgage tax deductibility to supporting gay marriage. Suddenly, there was concern in what had seemed an empty though intriguing vessel. Mission accomplished, at least partly.



Microsoft's back in top gear after months

a national election, in all likelihood two weeks after the leadership race is over."

Harper's most persuasive campaign is to ensure May turns out to be the calendar Conservative will note for their first leader as March 28, Prime Minister Paul Martin is widely expected to call an election early next week. That would leave no full chance

which the new leader could make the transition from appealing to party members, to the very different challenge of trying to win votes from Canadians at large. No time for messages to be水漫金山, unrefined, party operations reorganized. So assessing how Harper, Storch and Taryn Clermont, the now-former Ontario climate minister who rounds out the leadership field, stack up against each other isn't really the task of a legend. What matters is how a basic truth

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look to take on the formidable Martin.

Harper makes the case that he's best positioned to hit the ground running. As former Alberta leader, he has no desire to go with his roots in the party's causal western strongholds. Although Stronach makes much of having run Martin for three years, growing up from Stronach's daughter isn't enough to build a political career on. Her campaign will have to be fueled more by what she is than what she's done. She's a woman, and winning over women voters has proven difficult for eight of other parties. She's from Ontario, where the Conservative wave long ago breached. And she's young, just 32, which Lushinger does particular attention to when asked to sum up her potential appeal against the 65-year-old Martin. "A woman who is in her 30s against a guy who was born in the fifties."

Lushinger believes the Stronach package adds up to success. "There's a theme to this in Canadian society," he declares. Maybe so, but with incumbents comes risk. Many Conservatives are worried all too well that experiences with drift-seeking former Canadian Alliance leaders shouldn't through Stephen Harper's flukes and, at times, pragmatic Conservatives have their Kirk Campbell nightmares. The coolly analytical Harper undoubtedly looks safer. As well, his western credibility could be critical, given rising recent Liberal poll results across the West. Consensus leaves less room for polarization. The federal health minister in Ontario's Conservative government, who lost his seat in the October provincial election, is positioning himself as a bridge builder between the new federal party's naturally suspicious Tory and Liberal factions, ineffective to both.

One tricky factor to assess is the mixed professional bullet that will be used in the March 20 war. Party members will rank their chairman-and-CEO performance. If no candidate is the first choice of more than 50 percent, then the same bullet will be considered a dud. This time, though, the candidate who got the lowest number of first place choices will be dropped. The surviving two will then pick up those second-place finishes on the ultimate candidate's ballot. That opens the possibility of a compromise candidate winning—the one who garnered the most of the No. 2 picks. What does that mean exactly? "You've got to be nice to everybody," Lushinger said. Get ready for an uncharacteristically polite campaign.



'That is so Orwellian'

ROMP officers raided the home and office of Ottawa Citizen reporter Juliet O'Neill on Feb. 26, last week, seizing her notebooks and computer files. They were searching for the source of O'Neill's Nov. 8 front-page stories in which she reported details of secret government documents related to Maher Arar, the Canadian who is suing High-ranking ROMP officials over his incarceration in 2002 from New York to Syria because of suspected links to al-Qaeda. The ensuing uproar over the raid caught up to Paul Martin in Davos, Switzerland, where he was attending the World Economic Forum. The PM said the RCMP should bury themselves finding out who leaked government secrets, not those who reported them. O'Neill believed well-known friends threatened—but avoided what else might happen in the name of security.

I've heard people use the terms "leak" and "police state." But I've lived in police states. I've been people die for the right to speak and freedom of the press. It's a long way from that that we do have to guard our democracy and our freedoms.

The RCMP told me that they were looking for a document and the source—where did I get it? The officer told me that I would be charged with an offence, and said if it was my decision where we went with this, which all amounted to, "you can tell us right now and we'll cut over with—or not." When I stated the card of the male guy who wanted to talk, it said he was from the "Truth Commission" section, it said, "That is so Orwellian" I could tell I wasn't the first to make that crack.

When I went into my dressing room, one of the female officers was in my underwear drawer. She had white gloves on and looked at me, but I couldn't look her in the eye. I thought, "What a dreadful job, fitting through people's underwear?" I found myself particularly becoming detached.

A lot of journalists, editors and lawyers were caught off guard by the security of Information Act that was cited in the search warrant. When, to me, is sort of like shame on all of us. I guess the law got loopholed in with all the post-Sect. 33 changes. Now we're all literally aware of it. It goes beyond the question of whether the police are misusing the law; we should also know why we're changing the law to cover workplace journalists. It's quite amazing that a story with a disclosure and a source—themselves in the newspapers everywhere, every day—could consist of a maximum 16-year sentence.

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DUMB BLOND? NOT BELINDA

Stronach's leadership bid seems a good thing for Canadian politics

THERE IS A BELINDA. Stronach momma in the film *Legally Blonde*, Reese Witherspoon, playing the wood-nutsy wife of Ted, Delta Nutmeg-eating queen named tile Woods, has won acceptance to Harvard Law School. She has given her pink-and-scarlet resume to an incredulous professor. "Do you think," he says to his assistant while sniffing her c.v., "that she just woke up this morning and said, 'I think I'll go to law school'?"

How would it have been with Belinda? Would she have looked out of her window on a gleaming white Canadian morning with sunlight thin and sharp as a razor and said to

herself, "I think I'll be prime minister." Still water runs deep, but when Belinda went public with her announcement last week that she was running for leadership of the Conservative party of Canada—the second

party get attention. If she wins or even comes in a respectable second, she will have done it entirely on her merits and proven herself against all odds to be a good campaigner and possibly a person of some weight. The man-of-the-matter you are, the better you live to be. In any case, all the world gets for the moment is the chance to tease at Paul Martin and gain experience while in opposition.

Only one aspect of this is worrying. It is these sheer buzzwords that turn up in her phrases: the word Conservative to be "classy" with a "conservative approach." One would expect inspiration for the "big tent" to have used the next day.

If Belinda and her blockers start referring to people as "women" or "minorities," Canada's women might as well stick with the Liberals. Thank you, Conservative! Still, perhaps you get used to communicating in one liners after being raised to a world champion Norwegian speed skater.

Her opening platters fill into the category of policyland that many people would approve of, like building up our defence department, along with motherhood and apple

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piecrusts. I'm not certain about the status of motherhood these days, such unless government and law enforcement. She appeared to be a fiscal conservative and emerged a dove over the green issues of social conservation that can bring a campgrounds, by balancing her opposition to decimation of timberland with an endorsement of same-tree management. All in all, it was a nice sunbleeker for a modest centre-right leader.

On the whole, Belinda seems a good thing for Canadian politics. A major leader makes an unusual candidate for election, and we in de-facto Bremach help a new

"woman," for example, see also consumers, medical professionals, parents and taxpayers as Stronach's true fans. Any group has a myriad of cross-memberships.

Nothing would be more encouraging than to find that the new Conservative party, having rid of the Red Tories that can be the Progressive Conservative party from the ground in 1993, have after all the corrective surgery and healing of 10 years, turned back to that something-as-a-way belief.

I mean by reading the tea leaves myself. Timed well. And another thing in *Legally Blonde*, the clay blonde in the film's big opening ended up being the legal whiz and Harvard Law School valedictorian. Only in movies, you say? Who knows?

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HOW TO MANAGE YOUR MONEY

Economic indicators are encouraging and investors could be in for another good year. But in 2004, as always, it's buyer beware.

BY KATHERINE MACKLEM

THE MARKET is up. Bonds are down. Tech's hot. Go for gold. Oh, look! Norval's doubled in value—again. The endless swirl of business news and advice can leave you dazed and feeling incapable of making an intelligent investment decision. Even that old standby of individual investors, the mutual fund, is regarded with skepticism. For the first time in recent memory, Canadians pulled more money out of mutual funds last year than they put in, even though fund returns boomed higher in 2003. Many investors were no doubt still fearful of the damage wrought by the recent bear market, not to mention wary of the trading scandals casting a pall over the entire industry. And many here finally began to question the cost of owning funds burdened by a confounding array of front end loads, back-end loads, trailer fees and management expense ratios.

(M)ERELY sift through a lot of the gurus or deepen the losses—it's not that all mutual funds are bad, but neither are they good.

What an investor to do? Sadly, there's no silver bullet. If you don't have a lot of money and can't afford top-notch investing advice, you need to read as much as you can about the markets. If you want to buy mutual funds, find out each fund's criteria for selecting stocks, who the fund managers are, what



O'BRIEN

who's been in the business for more than 30 years, lives by a new maxim: keep emotions out of investing

the track record is. And though the prospectus of mutual funds against the alternatives. Many money funds have performed well in the last few years. Exchange traded funds that track market indexers offer some of the benefits of mutual funds but have lower MERs. Bond returns have been falling, and stocks, though rebounding in value after a couple of declining years, posted higher rates.

The business of investing is not pleasant, and while you might get lucky with the occasional stock pick, your chances of doing well improve if you do your homework. After four eighth annual personal finance issue (see sidebar). On these pages you'll find a graph that compares the returns of Canadian equity mutual funds to the performance of the S&P/TSX composite index—the stock market's cash flow leader—but it's not a chart of the winners and losers for 2003 that illustrate the range in return: one fund more than doubled in value, another lost more than half its value. Four top flight investment professionals offer their views on the economy and the markets for the coming year. And as always, where the Macleans' Hot 100—like the other charts in this pack-

age, it was compiled by Morningstar Research Inc.—which ranks the top rated mutual funds offered in Canada.

We also feature the work of the following four Canadian investors whom we believe have ranged from modest to brilliant and whose chosen very different paths to investment success. In fact, the only thing they have in common is that they've all taken an active role in researching, designing and implementing investment strategies that suit their own individual circumstances. And that's key—finding the investment plan that meets your needs and lets you sleep at night.

Even the pros get it wrong sometimes. At the height of the tech boom, investments committee member O'Brien advised clients and friends to bail out of tech stocks. The market had inflated to bubble-like levels, and it would be terribly risky to stay on. "It had gone too far, too quickly," he says. Unfortunately, O'Brien didn't take his own advice, and because some investments were locked in, he lost \$2 million of his own money. "I got caught in the dot-com madness," he says, still chagrined. "It was just stupid. I knew better."

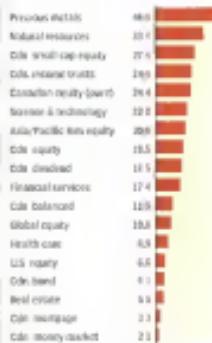
O'Brien, 56, has been in the securities business for more than 30 years, working in Toronto, London, New York and now Vancouver. He's seasonal, he jokes, he looks like he has beard fever. Today, he's chairman and CEO of Van Arbor Asset Management Ltd., a money management firm that lives by O'Brien's new investment axiom: keep human emotion out of decisions. At Van Arbor, a computer O'Brien likes to call Hal decides which stocks to buy or sell, and when, rather than professional money managers 50 or so, his funds have been invested, one with 20 equally weighted Canadian stocks, the other with 20 U.S. equities, also in equal proportions. The computer can readily sort each holding, using a database matrix of 380 different sectors that sorts through current and historical data.

Hal picks all large-cap blue chips such as Imperial Oil Ltd. in Canada and An-

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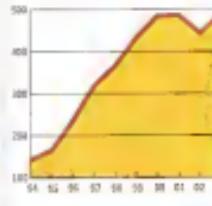
In 2003, only one third of all Morningstar fund indexes were positive. The results improved in 2004—only one fourth of mutual fund indexes declined in value.

AVERAGE RETURNS IN SELECTED MORNINGSTAR FUND INDEXES (%)



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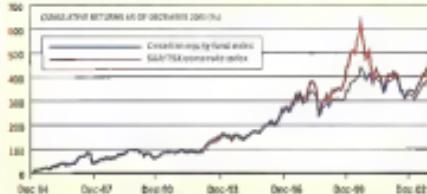
Total mutual fund assets in Canada in billions of dollars



Mutual fund assets do not include assets invested in corporate or trust funds from insurance companies.

MUTUAL FUNDS VS. THE TSX

How do Canadian equity funds stack up against the overall performance of the S&P/TSX composite index? Morningstar tracks the average rate of equity funds and the S&P/TSX over 28 years.



*MFEI fees are deducted from Canadian equity funds index, but not from S&P/TSX composite index. Index fees on Canadian equity funds range from 0.24% to 4.6%; no exchange-traded funds have 0.1% to 0.8% fees.

THE BEST AND THE WORST

Biggest gains and losses in 2003 among all mutual funds

FUND NAME	TYPE	ASSETS (\$MM)	PERFORMANCE (%)
TOP 10			
Analytic Pooled Canadian Small Cap	Can. small cap equity	2.6	112.4
Dynasty Power Holder	Alternatives strategies	50.7	104.6
Economic Global Resource	Natural resources	24.1	93.8
Eaton India	International or emerging	21.2	92.8
Scotia Bolt & Prentiss Millennium	Programmatic	335.0	92.4
Economic Global Precious Metals	Precious metals	41.9	91.2
Analytic Pooled Can. Canadian Equity	Canadian equity (part)*	1.7	86.8
Maple Equities	Natural resources	13.6	86.0
Dynamic Pooled Small Cap	Can. small cap equity	36.9	81.2
Acuity All Cap 10 Canadian Equity	Canadian equity	76.1	81.2
BOTTOM 5			
Centurion Growth	Large cap, venture cap	6.7	-36.5
ADG Managed Futures	Alternatives strategies	21.1	-41.8
Advisors Diversified	Alternative strategies	9.9	-40.9
Impresario Life-Market Neutral Portfolio	Volatility or diversification	6.6	-40.2
Impresario Life-Market Portfolio	Equity	6.6	-31.4

*New fund type that has a maximum 4.9% initial load and 2.0% to 2.5% non-contracted distribution fee.

RANKING THE GIANTS

Canadian equity funds grew by an average of 18.3% last year. Morningstar charted the 2003 performance of the largest Canadian equity fund from each of the country's largest mutual fund companies.

FIRM-COMPANY	FUND NAME	ASSETS (\$MM)	PERFORMANCE (%)
TD Asset Management	TD Canadian Equity, I	5.9	23.7
Investment Corp.	Investor's Seminar	2.1	23.1
HSBC Asset Management	HSBC Canadian Equity	2.1	23.1
AGF Management	AGF Canadian Large Cap Dividend	3.3	20.0
CRIC Asset Management	CRIC Canadian Equity	8.9	20.0
Fieldgate Investments Canada	Fieldgate Trust for Health & A	2.9	20.0
Acit Fund & Investment	Tranmer Select Canadian Growth	2.6	17.8
Principia Strategic Investments	Principia Canadian Equity Class A	1.2	16.8
CJ Mutual Funds	CJ Horizons Fund	2.2	16.6
Markstone Financial	Markstone Extraord	5.4	8.7

better-Blanchard Co. Inc. in the U.S. "Humans tend to get greedy," O'Brien says. "They buy low, but they don't sell well. We're taking as much of the human emotion out of the system as we can."

THEIR LOVE IS REAL, tells it all—the mechanical prompt requests you leave a message, so you end up with real voices chanting, "the happy couple." The voices belong to Simon and Alice Mendelsohn, who are young (24 and 25, respectively) and just married. And, unusual for their age, they are investing for their retirement years. Alice is an elementary school teacher, Simon is due to graduate in April with an engineering degree from the University of Toronto, in beginning to look for work. Together, they put roughly \$50 a week into their RRSP accounts. Simon calls it "a pre-emptive wealth mechanism," adding that "in the long term will payoff more than what it's costing us now."

Knowing their money will be invested for decades, they want their investments to be diversified and not, Simon says, "too much on the hot button, whatever it is." He's bestowing savings in exchange-traded funds that track a specific market index and are typically less expensive to hold than mutual funds. "Long-term, the market generally rises," Simon says. "We didn't want to pay more for a mutual fund." With only small portfolios at this stage, the Mendelsohns can afford the profession and advice that would help them pick the better funds, and they doubt they'd be able to choose a fund that outperforms the index. "I'm not fundamentally opposed to a mutual fund," Simon says, "but today, it's not really worth it."

ANNE PLATZER, a 49-year-old single mother of two living in Mississauga, has almost completely avoided the stock market. She holds some mutual funds, but Platzter has invested most of her money in real estate. In addition to the family home, she and her partner own and manage two small apartment buildings in the Mississauga Royal district, not far from the east end Moorewood neighbourhood where they live. Platzter is drawn to the plan that



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PLAMONDON

says she hadn't been planning to buy an investment property, but suddenly 'a light went on in my head'

years ago, when she noticed a For Sale sign in front of a triplex advertising that the buyer could live for free in one of the building's three apartments. She hadn't been looking for an investment property, but "a light went on in my head," she says. Plamondon quickly did the math and realized that if she rented the vacant flat, she could cover her home's mortgage payments while the income from the other two apartments would pay the bills of the new property. It was a no-brainer—she bought the building on the same day she first went to look it over. Two years later, she renovated the triplex and bought, with a friend, a four-unit building on the same street. She then sold the properties for a gain of \$100,000. Plamondon invested her share of those proceeds in a two-unit building that she calls a "cash cow."

Plamondon earned money as an occasional CEGEP and university lecturer on art. From the rental property revenues, there's enough left over after mortgage payments and expenses to allow her to spend more time at home with her children, aged three and six, "without panicking about money." And when she retires, she can either live off the rental income or sell the properties. "I'm not rich, but I have quality of life," she says. "I'm not stressed."

DEEPAK RamaChandran, a 32-year-old executive with a high-tech firm who lives in Toronto, is well-described "financial guru." He tried fancy and risky investing maneuvers, like put options—"I made some money and lost some money," he says. So, chastened, he has completely changed his investing style in the last year. He's whittled down his portfolio from five or so equities, a few mutual funds and some bonds to four holdings: inflation-protected bonds, a U.S. index fund, a conservatively managed Canadian equity fund and an international index fund. "I stopped trying to pick stocks," RamaChandran says. "I've come to doing a long job of it. Now, I'm paying attention to asset allocation."

With his broker, RamaChandran has re-

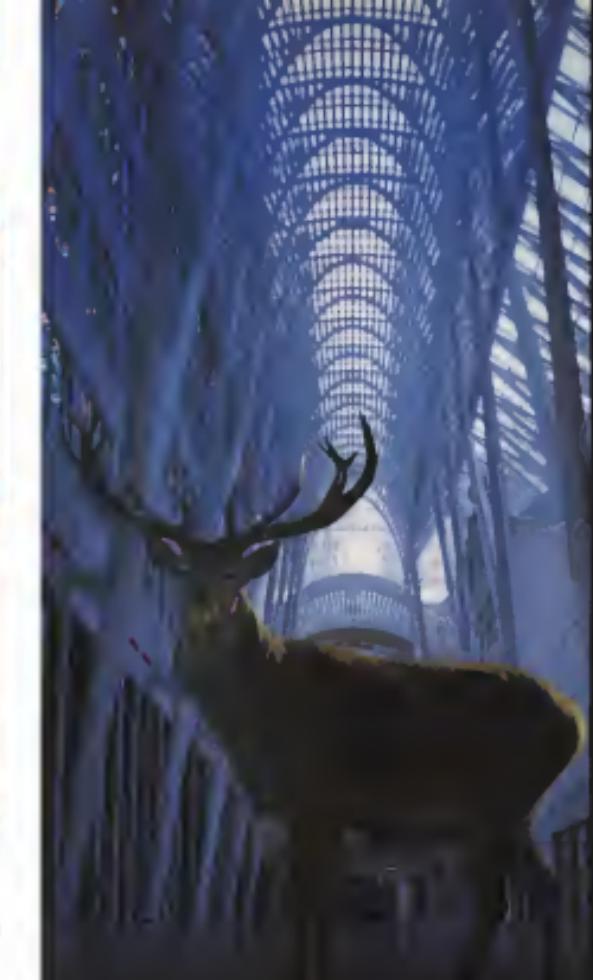


The investments started young



RamaChandran is content with a steady portfolio

vised a portfolio constructed to weather the market volatility he expects over the next five years. RamaChandran believes the stock market is overvalued. "It could drop 30 per cent," he says. As a buffer against that, he's considering real estate as another option. The idea, he says, is to take advantage of his home, which is almost repossessible and could be leveraged for the purchase of an other property; the doesn't want to rely en-



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THE EXPERTS WEIGH IN

Up? Down? Our panel assesses economic and investment prospects for 2004

DESPITE SAWS, and new disease and power blackouts, Canada's economy grew by about 1.6 per cent in 2003. The Toronto Stock Exchange's blue-chip index rose 30 per cent and 27,000 new jobs were created. But it was the loonie that elicited the most "wows." Starting at \$1.03 cents, it climbed to 1.27 cents, or an increase of 21 percent. To gain some insight into how the economy and the markets will fare in 2004, Maclean's National Business Correspondent Katherine MacLennan and four prominent investment industry leaders for their perspectives.

IAN AINSWORTH

THE PORTFOLIO MANAGER

What's your outlook for 2004?

Look ahead to year-end, although the longer maturity will eat into some growth and profitability. The U.S. could be facing the best growth it's had in many years.

What about Canadian markets?

The stock market usually moves ahead of the recovery of the economy, and we've had a good recovery in Canada. The valuations on the stock market are not out of whack, given

where interest rates are, and earnings growth is going to be reasonably healthy. I would not be surprised to see close to a 10 per cent gain on the TSX.

What's a smart investor to do?

I think it's time to sell some defensive, low-interest yielding investments into the equity market on the expectation that we're going to have three or four years of reasonably healthy economic growth. But you've got to buy well-diversified portfolios to take advantage of global trends.

You're known as a growth investor. What does that mean and how does it influence your investment choices?

A growth stock comes from a company that's looking at a dramatic improvement in earnings and revenue, but not showing historical proof of its ability to generate good revenues and profits. A typical growth share would be comparable like Dell, which grows faster than competitors, or Wal-Mart.

How heavily weighted are you at Dell?

It depends on the portfolio. Some are pure technology, others with a heavy growth bias are around 25 per cent.

What's your view of the mutual fund scandal, and what's your advice to investors?

We haven't yet seen the same problems, in terms of other issues, trading. The U.S. has experienced, but Canada has had its own history of abuse in the financial services industry, not just in mutual funds. I think the mutual fund industry is reasonably well-regulated, especially when compared to the hedge fund industry. There are something like 6,000 hedge funds in the U.S., of which 2,800 may be able to avoid being certified and regulated.

SHERYL COOPER

THE ECONOMIST

What's your year-end forecast for the Canadian and U.S. economies in 2004?

Prognostically, Canada was hard hit in 2003. This year we could see well over growth of three per cent or more, and Canada will benefit from the rebound in the U.S. and economic activity around the world.

How high will the loonie go?

I think we could see US\$0.80 cents this year.

Where do you see interest rates heading?

I expect the U.S. will tighten monetary policy, but probably not until the second half of the year. I expect long-term interest rates in both countries to rise, moderately so in Canada because our economy will do better, as well as in the United States.

"THE global economic rebound, strong corporate profits and surging productivity all bode well for the stock market"



Career: Stewart will benefit from the rebound in the U.S.

dollar, euro and yen, and could result in our economic expansion.

Will mutual fund scandals hurt the market?

Not much. The corporate scandals seem to have been filtering through with the revelation of the mutual fund scandals, we have not seen a run outflow from mutual funds. But if there's a huge amount of scandal with a particular fund company, well, watch out—there could be significant outflows from that firm. And I think investors have become more sophisticated and are going to demand lower management fees. Canadian fees are higher than in the U.S.

DUNCAN STEWART

THE TECH SPECIALIST

What's coming up in 2004?

I expect a positive year for technology. It may not translate into the 15-per-cent gain we saw on the Nasdaq in 2003. Could be more, could be less. But the tech sector, which everybody thought was dead, turned out merely to be very well and is recovering quite nicely.

What about prior funds?

My funds went up 2003, not as much as the Nasdaq in U.S. dollars. In Canadian dollars they outperformed it.



In the Nasdaq he'd tick back to its tech-boom peak?

People said it'd never go to 1,500, and it went to 5,000. Now that it's at 2,000, people may still never go back to 5,000. It may take a while, but it will happen. Over the long run, every high is higher than the previous high, and every low is higher than the previous low. The 45-per-cent gain last year was not exactly in line with historical recoveries.

What are your hot stocks?

In technology, especially, individual names are riskier than the average stock track, so you need to diversify. We like GS1 Luminos, a manufacturer of devices used in the semiconductor sector. It's extremely profitable and trading at half the valuation of its Asavant competitor. We believe Nomad has already done more in three or four areas of specialization, and will do well as telecom spending recovers. And CompaChem is a Moore, although a technology company that's working on a compound used to treat type II diabetes, which is probably the world's biggest unmet medical needs market.

How much tech should people hold?

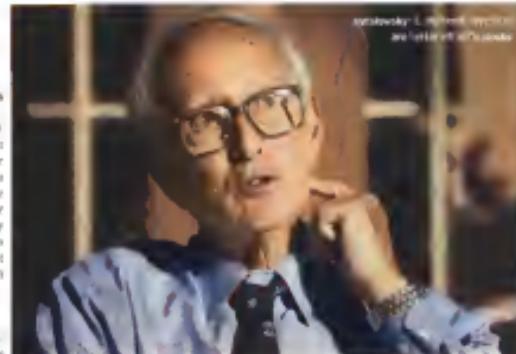
As a percentage of an equity portfolio, we believe between 10 per cent and 20 per cent of your money should be in the technology and health-care sectors.

STEPHEN JARISLOWSKY

THE INVESTMENT CONSULTANT

You're not a big fan of most mutual funds. The average annual return of stocks is five to six per cent over inflation, before fees, so if 2.5 per cent goes to the manager, you've left with maybe 3.5 per cent, and you have no cash to reinvest. So why do you build capital with a 2.5 per cent annual compound rate? I think mutual funds should be for cheaper than they are.

You've been in this business for 40 years. Is the lot of the average investor getting worse?



STEPHEN JARISLOWSKY
INVESTMENT CONSULTANT

No, it's getting better. Hopefully it will get a bit better yet, because all kinds of people are now waking up to the fact that the investors have an input on these laws, and that investors should have an input on the laws that affect them.

What's your opinion of Conrad Black not standing for re-election to the Senate?

It's obvious. Why should he be on there?

What do you think of the controversy over the fees he received from CanWest?

Why should his holding company get \$6 million a year for advice? I mean, that money should have gone to Hollinger [Internationale]. That was part of what CanWest paid for the Southam assets. That should have gone to CIBC, and the salaries and bonuses—everything—should never have gone to Ravelston. And there should have been a board at Hollinger of enough independence—the executives of Hollinger should never have even been paid by Ravelston.

You're not surprised to see this unfolding?

No. Three years ago I went to the Ontario Securities Commission and said, "There's a real problem here." I was a director of Southam and I was a director of the Daily Telegraph. What Southam were private, the rest, I knew exactly what kind of a deal Conrad Black really was. But nobody listened. Nobody was interested. Nobody.

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THE HOT 100 FUNDS

FUND/BOARD	Fund type	Assets	3-Year			5-Year			10-Year			ESG			Risk Rating	M Management Expense Ratio
			Return	Return	Return	ESG	ESG	ESG	ESG							

Brand Monitors Client	Core Smallcap	\$2.0	(3.8)	24.0	27.8	0.6	775	35.6	44.5	20.8	3.87
BBVA - TD Canadian Equity	Core Investors	79.1	41.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	795	11.2	15.4	(4.2	3.20
BMO - Total Income Fund	Small/Medium Cap	10.2	6.0	20.6	20.4	0.0	707	43.2	48.4	34	3.16
Markets High-Yield Performance	Core Investors	9.0	23.0	24.0	24.0	0.0	793	106.6	105	(9.5	3.64
BMO - Small Cap Equity Fund	Core Investors	31.2	15.3	20.1	22.7	0.0	781	71.5	76	(2.1	3.64
TD Waterhouse - Small Cap Fund	Core Investors	194.0	36.4	22.8	23.8	0.0	770	71.5	76	(2.1	3.59
Mutualist Investment Trust	Core Investors	50.7	29.2	29.9	29.6	0.0	764	66.4	71	25.6	3.16
Monetta - Small Cap Fund	Core Investors	9.0	11.8	23.5	13.4	0.5	763	42.7	49.2	(3.2	3.02

Country	SDI Index	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
America's High Income	GDP (billions)	175.0	202.5	217.0	236.0	244.0	255.0	265.0	272.0	271.0	261
IMC Fully Managed	GDP (billions)	95.0	95.0	147.0	142.0	219.0	95.0	268.0	255.0	138.0	95.0
IMC Monthly Income	GDP (billions)	54.0	51.0	54.0	54.0	60.0	95.0	24.2	1.0	8.8	1.08
Smart Investor	GDP (billions)	16.7	20.8	33.0	11.0	165.0	95.0	61.0	50.0	11.0	2.79
Templeton Global Smaller Co.	GDP (billions)	11.0	39.0	33.0	16.0	16.0	Forwards	2.6	30.0	10.0	2.78
AlphaNet Income Fund	GDP (billions)	208.0	148.0	130.0	152.0	56.0	95.0	95.0	61.0	50.0	2.81
AlphaNet Income Fund - Investors	GDP (billions)	16.0	24.0	12.0	64.0	105.0	95.0	35.0	4.0	5.0	4.28

amounts in millions of dollars. **Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations** contains information about the Company's financial condition and results of operations. The following table summarizes the Company's financial results for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999.

FIVE-STAR QUALITY

Below we add up all the funds in the Morningstar rating system. They were then sorted by their average annual compound return over ten years. These are not necessarily the funds with the highest absolute return. The five-star rating system used by Morningstar awards factors in a fund's performance and its risk-adjusted return in a fund's category over three-, five- and 10-year periods. The scores for each period are weighted in an overall manner—essentially a measure of quality. The top 10 percent of rated funds within each category receive the five-star rating. Mesirow's 100 funds total the best of these, based on the ratings on Dec. 31, 2005. Excluded are funds with less than three years history; funds restricted to the same fund, funds that report asset size or don't deduct fees from returns; funds restricted to pension plans; and funds restricted to a \$25 million minimum investment.

FUND NAME	Fund Type	Assets	1-Year Return	2-Year Return	3-Year Return	10-Year Return	Avg P.	Beta	Vol.	World	Average	Management
										12 months	12 months	Expense Ratio
Standard Life-Charles Schwab Corp. R	Cash Reserves Fund	\$9.8	26.3	15.2	12.6	0.0	N/A	87.3	25.1	33.4	2.66	
Hartford Income Fund	Income Fund	\$25.2	6.6	3.3	1.6	0.0	N/A	93.0	33.8	4.4	0.93	
UBS & Shearson Corp. R-Bond	Mkt Value	\$29.0	-26.2	7.9	7.4	0.0	N/A	86.7	-49.1	5.7	1.93	
Wells Fargo Small-Business Series A	Cash Fund	\$93.0	1.2	1.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	11.7	3.9	0.2	0.87	
Standard & Poor's Bond Fund	Cash Fund	\$1.0	6.5	5.4	1.8	0.0	N/A	21.5	-0.6	2.7	0.30	
Wells Fargo Small-Business Series E	Cash Fund	\$92.1	14.9	7.7	15.2	0.0	N/A	26.0	-0.6	0.2	2.93	
UBS Corporate Fund	Corporate	\$208.3	1.3	17.7	4.6	1.9	N/A	23.4	-4.4	5.2	1.93	
W.F. Thrift Fund Series A	Cash Fund	\$100.0	4.3	1.6	0.6	1.6	N/A	70.9	33.9	0.2	0.93	
Small-Cap Growth Fund Series E	Gbl. Sml-Cap Stock Obj.	\$150.0	16.9	1.5	30.9	10.8	N/A	109.0	23.3	0.3	2.98	
UBS Signature Select Fund Series	Cash Fund	\$100.0	10.0	15.2	15.3	1.0	N/A	44.8	-11.5	18.1	0.62	
Syntex Capital Protection	Corporate	\$200.0	13.6	1.6	30.3	10.8	N/A	15.4	0.4	0.9	0.60	
UBS Thrift Investment Fund	Perpetual Fund	\$104.4	-0.6	1.3	1.3	0.0	N/A	18.7	0.0	0.5	0.58	
UBS Div. of Capital Trust Fund	Cash Fund in Trust	\$200.4	0.2	3.2	10.6	0.0	N/A	33.4	4.2	2.2	0.38	
UBS Total Investment Fund	Cash Fund	\$100.0	10.3	2.2	8.7	0.0	N/A	23.4	-0.6	0.2	1.08	
UBS Treasury Fund & Corp. C	Other/Interest	\$10.1	26.5	7.8	12.0	0.0	N/A	34.1	-0.6	0.2	1.28	
UBS Tax-Exempt Bond Fund	Cash Fund	\$10.8	-20.2	3.3	12.0	13.5	N/A	90.7	-9.8	19.1	1.56	
UBS 2000 Fund/Henry S. C. Growth Fund	Adv. Investment Fund	\$101.2	43.9	1.2	31.5	0.0	N/A	94.8	35.5	0.2	3.05	
Minuteman Fund	Global Equity	\$25.1	11.1	6.6	5.0	0.0	N/A	92.4	-0.5	0.2	1.93	
H & K Asset Fund Corp-A-Henry & K	Cash Fund	\$100.0	4.0	0.3	3.8	0.2	N/A	18.0	-0.8	0.2	0.78	
Standard Measured	Cash Fund	\$100.0	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	N/A	25.0	-0.6	0.4	0.86	
Reinvestment Funds Corp Hct, Mkt, Min.	Eq/Bond Fund	\$1.0	32.0	0.3	14.0	4.9	N/A	80.0	-3.7	1.0	2.59	
UBS Bond Fund	Income Fund	\$100.0	11.9	6.3	36.8	0.0	N/A	20.4	-0.6	0.2	1.08	
Minuteman Fund First Class	Cash Fund	\$100.0	34.0	0.7	34.0	0.0	N/A	50.0	-0.6	0.2	0.84	
UBS Financial Services Group F	Cash Fund	\$100.0	10.8	0.2	5.2	0.6	N/A	30.2	-1.0	0.2	1.09	
ADP Retirement Equity Fund	Cash Fund	\$100.0	34.1	0.3	34.0	0.0	N/A	44.2	-2.6	11.5	0.88	
Templeton Fund	Equity Income Fund	\$230.0	7.7	1.9	12.7	10.7	N/A	64.6	-0.7	3.8	1.62	
Legg Mason Inv. Income Fund	Cash Fund	\$100.0	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.4	N/A	29.1	1.6	0.2	1.29	
UBS Alternative Strategies	Cash Fund	\$100.0	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	N/A	25.0	-0.6	0.4	0.86	
Minuteman Fund	Global Equity	\$100.0	7.1	0.2	7.0	0.0	N/A	98.2	25.8	0.2	2.27	
UBS Premium Money Market	Eq/Bond Fund	\$100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	100.0	-0.6	0.2	0.43	
UBS Retirement Money Market	Eq/Bond Fund	\$100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	100.0	-0.6	0.2	0.34	
Legg Mason T Plus	Cash Fund	\$100.0	2.8	0.0	2.8	0.0	N/A	11.0	0.0	0.2	0.68	
North Carolina Fund, Inc. Minuteman Fund	Eq/Bond Fund	\$100.0	2.8	0.0	2.8	0.0	N/A	10.0	0.0	0.2	0.95	
Healthcare Investors Fund, Inc., G	Eq/Bond Fund	\$100.0	2.8	0.0	2.8	0.0	N/A	10.0	0.0	0.2	0.94	
Artisan Income Fund-Cash Reserves	Cash Fund	\$100.0	26.1	0.0	27.0	0.0	N/A	97.5	-0.6	0.2	1.21	
Healthmark Fund	Equity Income Fund	\$100.0	26.7	0.0	26.7	0.0	N/A	99.0	-1.0	0.2	1.08	
Minuteman Fund	Equity Income Fund	\$100.0	23.6	0.0	23.5	0.0	N/A	97.4	-2.2	0.2	0.98	
Minuteman Fund	Income Fund	\$100.0	6.4	0.0	10.0	0.0	N/A	100.0	-0.6	0.2	1.08	
Healthmark Fund-Medical Health-Care	Healthcare	\$100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	100.0	-0.6	0.2	0.98	
Artisan Minuteman Portfolio Fund	Eq/Bond Fund	\$100.0	26.7	0.0	26.8	0.0	N/A	99.0	-0.6	0.2	1.08	
Minuteman Fund-Equity Fund	Equity Income Fund	\$100.0	2.8	0.0	2.7	0.0	N/A	10.0	0.0	0.2	0.95	
UBS Ethical Fund	Eq/Bond Fund	\$100.0	2.8	0.0	2.7	0.0	N/A	10.0	0.0	0.2	0.95	
UBS Ethical Fund	Global Equity	\$100.0	1.3	0.0	1.3	0.0	N/A	99.0	-0.6	0.2	0.98	
UBS Ethical Fund	Eq/Bond Fund	\$100.0	20.2	1.7	20.0	0.0	N/A	99.0	-0.6	0.2	2.54	
Thomson Peters U.S. Long-Term Index Fund	Eq/Bond Fund	\$100.0	24.8	0.0	24.6	0.0	N/A	99.0	-0.6	0.2	0.75	
Hanley Family Fund-Growth Fund St. L	Eq/Bond Fund	\$100.0	3.4	0.0	3.4	0.0	N/A	100.0	-0.6	0.2	0.66	
UBS Ethical Fund	Healthcare	\$100.0	2.1	0.0	1.9	0.0	N/A	10.0	0.0	0.2	0.95	
North Carolina Fund, Inc. Minuteman Fund	Eq/Bond Fund	\$100.0	23.5	0.0	23.6	0.0	N/A	99.0	-0.6	0.2	1.08	
Artisan Ethical Fund-Growth Fund	Eq/Bond Fund	\$100.0	27.6	0.0	27.4	0.0	N/A	100.0	-0.6	0.2	0.66	

U.S. total average year percentage reflect in any 12-month period over the past 20 years (as of since Fidelity's inception). **Management expense ratio** (as of



SEX IS OUT, CARBS ARE IN

When beer ads start promoting diet, it's a sign of an eating revolution

THERE IS HOPE on the American obesity front (and behind). Not because of all those dieters and scolders who've been telling Americans to stop eating at McDonald's and start eating healthy (read: brocoli and milks). My optimistic outlook came from days of research in the form of watching the National Football League playoffs. That meant sitting through hours of advertising aimed at males, particularly those between the ages of 18 and 35, the demographic the NFL apparently delivers better than almost any other TV programming. The experience confirmed what I had been hearing and reading about a

dramatic change in the market for foods and beverages. To the horror of the nutrition establishment, the low-carbohydrate diet—the Atkins Diet and its imitators—has suddenly become the regimen for those who want to replace flaccid flab with firm abs.

Meat and eggs are in; bread, potatoes and pasta are out, and other foods and drinkable beers like low carb. Consumers are running rampant, undeterred by warnings about cholesterol or metabolic disease, or about the global warming effects of bovine thunders. (See Jerome Raloff and other leading environmentalists and some mongers who seem pleased to give up beef because of those emissions.)

When America's top food leaders (Abebooks-Busch, Miller and Coors) switch their football game ads from flavor and sex to bragging about their minimal carbs, and when fast food franchiser Subway, which had for years run ads about losing weight with some of their subs, switches to promoting " Atkins-friendly" wraps with "only" 11 g of carbs, and when Burger King begins promoting Whoppers without the buns, you know something major is happening.

It's not that Americans haven't been interested in dieting before. Check out the covers on the magazines and at my supermarket check-out, and you'll see we "can't find" diets promoted monthly. Problem is that the world who buy these magazines have had such success in getting their bare butts or boyfriends to go along with regimens of salads and soups. Taking the fat and sugars out means, particularly for men, tak-

ing the flavor out. Result: America has an obesity problem. All studies show that it's correlated to income, not that because people don't have enough resources (food stamp rate core to that) to eat. The poorer you are, the worse your eating habits and the fitter you become. That rarely doesn't change Democrats' demands for high-income tax cuts. "Fitter citizens," one might say.

But here's the lesson to take away:

When the World Health Organization

recommends the Atkins Diet and its imitators dead. Maybe it was that article, or maybe it was just word-of-mouth from millions of consumers made, that turned the tide. According to a study published last year by Morgan Stanley, "99 per cent of U.S. adults are either currently on a low-carb diet or have tried one earlier this year, which is three to five times higher than many previous public estimates."

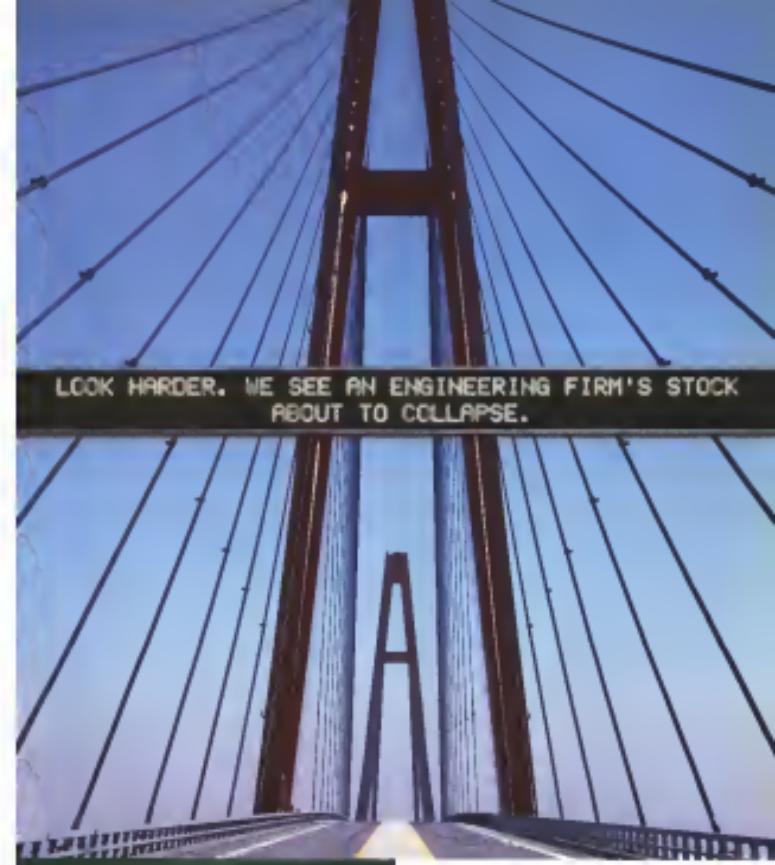
Hold onto the lesson to take away that a significant segment of the market was no longer satisfied with drinking "light" beer or watered-down low-carb beer. First to meet that demand was Anheuser-Busch with Michelob Ultra. By mid-season, the other major were being specific about their cans.

As a long-time football watcher, I can attest that never before have the big brewers promoted their beer on a dietary basis. Light beer always had calories, but emphasized taste, and I believe men and women drinking together to suggest they can still drink beer with shave. Dudes, however, rather than white wine, is long as they drink light. Now light beers are being promoted on the basis of compliance with a long-established diet regimen.

The balloon has indeed burst. Overall bread sales, particularly of white bread, are slumping. They're holding industry conferences about what to do. The low-carb advocates of reduced or low-carb bread are in trouble. In New York City, the "low-carb" bread is the " Atkins" bread at an eye popping \$8.99 a loaf. When any wife makes a note enviously about this seemingly outrageous price, he admitted it was high, but said, "We can't keep it off the shelves."

Wherever you are, Dr. Atkins, you can smile.

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FOR CHRISTOPHER QUIGLEY, justice looked like a longshot. After weeks spent covering from the fiscal cut, bruised ribs and internal injuries he says he suffered during a savage beating by a group of police officers, he had little hope his alleged assailants would be prosecuted. They biological, after all, to one of Toronto's older drug squad units—the grade of a city increasingly bent by the narcotics trade. Quigley, on the other hand, was facing charges of marijuana possession, which made him a perfect target for leniency if he complained, who would take the word of a drug suspect over that of the police? "I felt vulnerable and helpless," recalls Quigley, 38, of his 1998 arrest. "I didn't think anyone would believe me."

Today, he will gladly see his world. Quigley's story—bitterened by gruesome photos of his battered, switched-up head—comes among a long series of most recent allegations against members of the drug squad that has shaken Toronto's 170-year-old police service to its core. Last week, the

Ontario Court of Appeal lifted a publication ban on some of the most explosive accusations, which had at least 32 officers to crimes ranging from the theft of suspects' money to the filching of grounds for search warrants. Six have been charged with a total of 40 crim-



UNDER THE GUN

Police misconduct charges are mounting, writes CHARLIE GILLIS

inal offences—including perjury, theft and obstruction of justice—while four more have been named unindicted co-conspirators. Some of the officers charged are accused of defrauding a so-called "fink fund" by

Toronto police face a widening scandal after complaints by Quigley (inset) and others

ON THE BEAT

59,494 total number of police officers in Canada in 2003

\$31.6 population per police officer in 2003 (population per police officer in 1999: \$76.0)

5 Number of consecutive years the population per police officer has fallen

40.3 Number of Criminal Code incidents per officer in 2002

42.6 Number of such incidents per officer in 1999

43 Percentage by which a police officer's salary exceeds that of the average working Canadian

\$249 Amount, per Canadian, spent on policing in 2002

7 percentage growth in police spending between 2001 and 2002

0.5 Number of working days lost per officer in 2002, due to suspension or discipline

KAREN EKSTRÖM
FBI AND CRIME ANALYSTS
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



'THERE ARE MANY MORE WHO TURNED A BLIND EYE'

submitting claims for payments to police informants who didn't exist. Officers are implicated in unsearched warrants to raid suspects' safety deposit boxes of tens of thousands of dollars.

The police department immediately offered reassurance: "I can tell you that the allegations are isolated and rarefied," Chief Julian Fantino told a news conference. Yet even as he spoke, reporters were sifting through recently unsealed affidavits sworn by RCMP chief superintendent John Nelly, head of the task force. Fantino had appointed him to investigate the suspect officers. In fact, Nelly claims "significant portions" of the accusations against his colleagues related to poker rooms. Later, he acknowledged he had run into a proverbial "blue wall of silence," meaning officers unwilling or afraid to turn against their peers. "In involving the strongest cases, we have eliminated many more than those being presented for criminal prosecution." Nelly conceded in an affidavit filed last June, "While some of the behaviour in those other cases could be described as unprofessional or at the borderline of criminal behaviour, or

the interview standard, Vancouver crews had for their day in court [was]

we do not believe we have sufficiently strong reasonable and probable grounds to warrant charge."

IT'S HARD to consider a case where Const. Julian Fantino told a news conference: Yet even as he spoke, reporters were sifting through recently unsealed affidavits sworn by RCMP chief superintendent John Nelly, head of the task force. Fantino had appointed him to investigate the suspect officers. In fact, Nelly claims "significant portions" of the accusations against his colleagues related to poker rooms. Later, he acknowledged he had run into a proverbial "blue wall of silence," meaning officers unwilling or afraid to turn against their peers. "In involving the strongest cases, we have eliminated many more than those being presented for criminal prosecution." Nelly conceded in an affidavit filed last June, "While some of the behaviour in those other cases could be described as unprofessional or at the borderline of criminal behaviour, or

for spiking, three supervised-drug dealers to Stanley Park, where the officers subjected each to a systematic beating. Provincial court Judge Herb Weisz determined the officers' "robust" behaviour, easily deserving no more than they might have faced in the heat of the moment. Then something came three months after the Vancouver force announced an investigation into unrelated allegations that one of its officers had lied under oath, fibbed about evidence and stolen items seized by police during investigation.

Urban stories aren't the only ones in the news, far north. CBC News cited tapes of Ontario Provincial Police making racist remarks about Aboriginals during the 1993 standoff at Attawapiskat. Undercover officers could be heard on the tape calling one of the Native protesters, and raising about using beer as bait to trap Aboriginals. The day after the conversation was recorded, one of the protesters, Dudley George, was shot and killed.

So are the country's police forces in some kind of trouble? Are ethical breaches threatening a law enforcement system world-renowned for its fairness? Probably not, says Barry Leggett, an expert on policing issues who

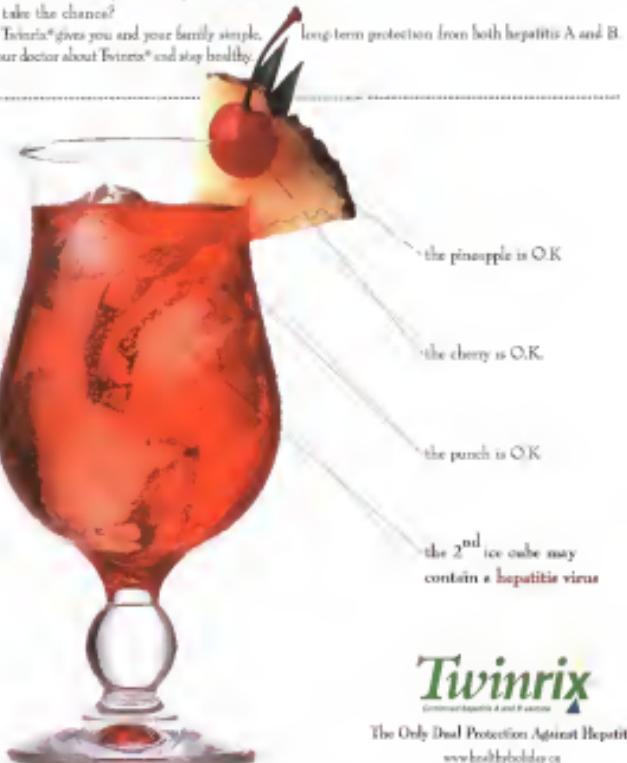
CAN YOU TELL WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS DRINK?

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'A MUCH DEEPER LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY IS NEEDED'

attacks at Carleton University in Ottawa. While recent misconduct cases highlight the potential corruptibility of police, he says, they don't amount to systemic risk. "There are probably more honest officers than dishonest ones," he says. "But there are police officers taking money paid to agents," Lightfoot says. The police also still seem to enjoy the public's faith according to recent studies. Most Canadians believe their local constabulary is in C, a poll conducted last fall, 89 percent of respondents said their police were doing a good job.

As for the values of individual officers, police organizations make much of the steady improvement in the quality of their recruits. Almost all now receive secondary training, some with some form of post-secondary training, if not a degree, and most arrive with a finely tuned sense of morality, says Tony Carrapico, president of the Canadian Police Association. If a recruit has been whacked to a third floor after a recent noon at 53 Division, the Toronto police's midtown station, they, a source of officers, assured him of their clean uniforms and declared that he need the whereabouts and details of his operation. He denied it, however, and instead gave the detective directions to a small apartment where he kept a dog food container in his apartment.

he was whisked to a third floor interrogation room at 53 Division, the Toronto police's downtown station. There, a series of officers accused him of violating marijuanna and demanded that he reveal the whereabouts of his grow-operation. He denied having one, and instead gave the discoverers directions to a small amount of pot he kept in a dingy food container in his apartment.

of a patrol to locate the man who tried to convert the citizens didn't come." It was a devastating response, he says. "And it went on for an awful long time. Eventually Quigley passed out, walking only as someone helped him around." Even as he was taken to the San Francisco General Hospital, the officers were executing a search warrant on his neighbor's home, where they subpoenaed the key to mystery deposit box registered under her name. In a civil suit filed in October 2002, Quigley alleges that he lost about \$3,000 belonging to his boxes. During his account, he says, the police arrested him less than \$23,000, and have never accounted for the balance. In a statement of the case, the sheriff's office named in Quigley's suit denied committing theft or assault. Four of those officers now face criminal charges.

TO FIND the man who set off the Tomato-paste scandal, you drove through some of the city's most drug-addled neighbour-hood—bars and streets dotted with soap kitchens, flickering paper bearing come buy-and-taking sale or delivery of their product. Here, in a sprawling, sprawling, sprawling, sprawling,

dover public housing project, Edward Sapsen piecs the floor with a glass of marlboro liquid. His claim not to be a smancer, yet plays the part rather convincingly: "Acheween, we're not native," he says in a voice loud enough for opening arguments. "We know what we're dealing with criminals. But criminals run all that stuff, too. I've heard about serious drug dealers—people who know better than to lie to me—telling me this was going on."

What was going on, says the 40-year-old Sapiro, who was well-prepared; their based-on-the-main-simple-strategy search the home of a suspect, find-no-cash box, take his money. The genius, he says, was in the choice of victim. Who, after all, would put itself in the word of a drug suspect? So after hearing complaints from his children next door, Sapiro drafted a letter to the feds' criminal affairs bureau in April 1999, and had it signed by nine other defense lawyers, in exchange received civil libertarian Clapton Ruby in jail. Sapiro named an member of the Central Field Command drug squad, led by Staff Sgt. John Scherzer, whom he believed were engaging in misconduct. The designation, which had already been successfully to entraping Scherzer's squad, was pleased to oblige. In 1999, it initiated an investigation that eventually gave way to the Melky Meets. Four years and two investigations later, Sapiro's campaign finally produced another change.

to whom he's closest. "In my view, there are many more than the 10 officers - treated, for undecided - who perpetrated exactly those actions," James says, adding that the documents on his glass-topped coffee table "There are many more [officers] who should be held accountable." Then there's a tall, slender lawyer who represents Quagley, along with another couple alleging similar misconduct, has written to Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty demanding a public enquiry. The mid-judgment square, he argues, is the wrong place to make accusations of public servants. "A much deeper, broader level of accountability is needed," says So. So far, McGuinty has not acted on his request.

In any case, a public inquiry would be hard pressed to remedy the social phenomena at the root of the current misconduct. Police, like everyone else, are adjusting to the myriad changes altering the face of Canada, from immigration to the movement of wealth across international borders. With these developments but come



square ways lawyers know they're dealing with criminals, but then you tell the truth.

part growth in the transnational drug trade—which poses a direct threat to police strategy. "If you take an officer who's really

"I am asking \$300,000 a year from citizens, and offer another \$100,000, which is life-changing," says Ronald Stansfeld, co-founder of the justice studies program at Ontario's University of Guelph, and a former Royal Canadian Police officer. "But we will be the 'soft' as it were, 'as it can be,' if we are able to do it." He is in the low-level graft that affords police officers everything: sex, free meals, free coffee, and somebody else will undergo the charging for them.

TO SERVE AND PROTECT WHOSE INTERESTS?

Selectors of corrupt capital or defenders of civic responsibility and nothing?

Canada's increasingly influential police unions are fueling the heat at ministerial negotiations — and not just because they're representing the impugned officers. Officials are responding to the findings of inquiries in the U.S., involving unions as constituents, if not clients. Last year, police corruption New York's *Wall Street Journal* reported that the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police had been instrumental in pressuring Ottawa to drop its proposal. But Gary Clewley, the association's lawyer, argues the union can't be blamed for encouraging officials to exercise their constitutional rights to silence. "All we've been saying is that a police officer has the same rights as a garagekeeper or a baker or anyone else," he says.

The senior's reputation for aggression (homocultura) has been held. Right at the centre justice authority have forgotten the association's dirt digging measures in the late 2000s, when it sought damaging personal information to sue against police officers, and attacks on civilian critics such as Judy Sims, once the federal minister of

But they are not the only ones who have been affected by the new immigration laws. For the auto industry's political interests, the time has passed.



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THE GIFT OF SIGHT

Doctors travel the globe to improve eye care in the developing world

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Orbis also runs on-the-ground programs, and recently started doing cyber consultations. Since 1982, its volunteers have treated more than 24,000 patients around the world, and have helped train more than 63,000 medical professionals in 82 countries. About seven per cent of the people who donate their time and skills are Canadian. Last September, Maclean's Chief Photographer Peter Brigg accompanied a team of Canadian specialists to Tanzania, where he shot these pictures. On Feb. 15, *Into the Light*, a documentary about Orbis produced by Toronto-based White Pine Pictures, will air on the Discovery Health Channel.

Clockwise from top left: awaiting treatment in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's capital; Orbis's DC-10, the post-op room; a patient about to undergo a cornea transplant; Dr. Harjeetinder Bhambhani of Vancouver conducts an examination



EPITAPH FOR A HEAVYWEIGHT

Conrad Black's downfall started when he took being a lord too seriously

WHAT IF there left no say about that arrangement, self-propelled hurricane high flier Conrad Black, whose dreams crashed to earth last week as he lost control of his media empire and found himself facing enraged regulators and disbarred shareholders? Even if his five suit of Hollywood ascendancy through, he will spend the rest of his life in a refuge from his media excesses, his name permanently tainted, his fortune unscratched by his pals.

His vaunted reputation as an corporate statesman, helping with high-profile arbitrations at BlackBerry, confirmation and *Financial Capitalism* discussions, will be a circa memory. He may now have unlimited time for his next venture, writing *A Life in Decline*, the sequel to his 1993 autobiographical tour de force, *Conrad Black: A Life in Progress*.

Unlike his hero, Napoleon Bonaparte, who spent his days sailing across foreign islands, Black will rule the opulence of internal exile, thwarted by his own failings and by the very egotists whose rule could be assigned himself to be. Capricious as a far-gone, self-blinded. In place of limits on the taking of money or how ever much, Black seems to have challenged the code of rule of corporate ethics about restraining business income to your own. At least that has been the constant accusation against him, and instead of responding to those allegations, he simply denies them. Give the chance to answer his accusers when facing the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Black took the fifth. At his hearing, he uttered not a word because anything he might say could be used to re-invent him. Not a great touch if you have nothing to hide.

And this? The current bust in London,

as might be expected, is rife with speculation about who Conrad's successor and Barbara Amiel's fifth husband will be. That's hardly fair, since they are a loving couple, and she has enough Harriet Baker frags stored up to last well into the new millennium. At the time the married Black, 73, was never more happy for her than the bad made such a great match, but it turned out to be a race to outspend the Donald Trumps of this world, who was not worthy of either of them. Their flamboyance has reached an unmanageable scale, with their quartet of personally staffed luxury homes worth an estimated \$100 million or more.



BASIC BLACK

Events and dates that led to Conrad Black losing control of his media empire

During the four years it took me to write *The RealLobsterman Man* (1992), the fine biography of Black, I was hypnotized (mythic mesmerized is a more apt description) by Conrad's wit and wisdom, his encyclopedic brain and photo graphic memory. I had never seen a businessman who knew who John Stump Nielsen, much less rose him. Little did I realize then that he wasn't smart enough to act on his own intelligence. That's the inevitable conclusion from following his combative pronouncements and self-destructive actions since his grid of world began to split apart last year. He has become more of a *Die Quoique* than a *Napoleon Bonaparte* in his absolute stand that he is right, and that everyone else, including his own board of directors and his extremely wise shareholders, is wrong. His main cause has become while most of his hand-picked directors who have exercised his option of tender dealing have come away holding their noses.

Since he wouldn't resign his chairmanship



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of Hollinger International, he was apparently unconcernedly fond over the telephone by his one-time director pals. They also filed a lawsuit for US\$120 million, claiming that Black and, among others, his long-time associate, David Radler, had taken the money "through various improper means" Black even went against his previous agreement that he would repay his share of the US\$32 million in non-compete payments that he first acknowledged, then denied, having pocketed without approval. That's itself

nothing; it's Black except to establish his device right to be right—and everybody else to be wrong.

cost, because Radler, who knows all of Hollinger's secrets, promptly began purloining them off the island. Not Black. Nothing motivates him except to establish his divine right to be right, and everybody else to be wrong. His culpability is what appears to be a great misappropriation of corporate funds remains to be proven. The

fact that the Hollinger parent company's audited committee, packed with personal friends, resigned in November, denied its departing as CEO, is a matter of record. Their departure has had no effect. He walks alone.

Ever since Black's descent into a hell of know-nothingism, I have been struggling with the question, "Why? What's it all about, David?" The only answer I've come up with is based on the fact that the arc of his downfall roughly coincides with his appointment

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In 2001 to the British House of Lords and the recipient of his title as Lord Black of Crossharbour, the name of eight revolutionaries to the London stocklands.

Black had always wanted to be a peer lord; now he was. But he took the wrong message from that honour. He had nothing to do with him. His title does not signify nobility or even merit; it belongs to the position, not to the man. It traditionally bestows upon the proprietor of London's conservative Daily Telegraph, having been given to its predecessor Lord Northwell, and most of his predecessors during the newspaper's 149-year history. It went to his head. He started acting as if, having joined a high order of humanity, he could flaunt any rule or convention because it no longer applied to him. Thus Black's declaration about flying on one of his private jets: "I'm not prepared to re-enact the French Revolutionary restoration of the rights of nobility."

That sense of hubris is the only explanation for his willingness to deliberately risk his reputation and his future. Black believes that he has become unapproachable. Instead, he is often in a realm of his own invention. He was not so much corrupted by power, as by the appearance of power, proudly wearing his red robes as he joined the sleepy House of Lords.

At the same time, Barbara Amiel has accepted bulldogged reality into death. Dined before in 1953, when his editor of *Evening Star*, and she watched here for six good years and has written a column in these pages for a quarter of a century. She was not only drop dead gorgeous, but drop dead serene. She had a formidable reputation and could easily have reigned on her literary



Black prepared to re-enact the French Revolutionary restoration of the rights of nobility

lads instead, she began to suffer infarcts, Jesus express fistic fits that as dramatically move drag, worsening her fit visible links with southern Ontario where she grew up, to thumb her nose at her past, as if to say, "Look at me, I've arrived." I am always doing what she no longer thought a good enough to be known for hermaphrodite, her self esteem (if decidedly non-core) writings as a social pundit, at her ability as a purveyor of

significant issues. She bought into the myth that she was the wife of a real lord.

The golden couple of media are disgraced. They may have inflicted square ball savagery on themselves over ever in great comfort and splendor, but they have lost their reputation and social standing, something they cashed-in for all of their lives. We remember them well. We pity them, and that must be the most cringy/grimacing of all.

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Item 23: Four independent directors who make up the Hollinger Inc. audit committee resign after company's board rejects their investment motions. Dec. 22: Black increases Fitch's long-term investment grade rating and removes its 'stable' outlook to 'stable' due to recent developments. Dec. 23: Black reduces first ratings on its special investigative committee.

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For sale in Palm Beach

Jan. 10: Revelstoke investors to sell off control into mineral in Hollinger Inc. and to its shareholders. Investors in Revelstoke Holdings International Ltd. for \$600.5 million. Jan. 16: Black sells Hollinger International to the world's largest pension fund, the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. The transaction announcement is as underwriting by Hollinger Inc.

It believes they were aggravated by independent directors.

Jan. 19: Revelstoke Files action in Ontario court to prevent any effort by Hollinger International to pull the plug on its Canadian subsidiary. The Ontario Securities Commission announced it is investigating Hollinger Inc.



ATTITUDE AND ALTITUDE AT UTAH'S SUNDANCE

Robert Redford's indie festival manufactures buzz with low-budget surprises

AFTER CUTTING through the backyards of ski chalets, clambering over frozen snowdrifts and crossing a four-lane highway to line up under umbrellas the size of high school basketball for a documentary by a man who spent a career raking only at McDonald's, it occurred to me that this was no ordinary film festival. It was my first visit to Sundance. For years I'd been a regular at festivals in Cannes and Toronto. To get to a movie in Canada, you travel along a precarious two-lane asphalt ribbon on the beach. In Toronto, you take the subway to a multiplex. This was another story. Veterans of the Sundance Film Festival had

told me, where everyone is looking for the next Quebecois *Turandot* or Steven Soderbergh. Of the 137 features at this year's festival, only 15 arrived with distribution. "Sun dance is never going to be as comprehensive as Toronto," admits its director, Jeffrey Cohn. "But we're a festival of discovery."

Attitude and altitude are its hallmarks. Unlike Cannes, a black-tie affair staged at sea level, Sundance takes place at a rapidly elevating plateau about 7,000 feet in altitude, of course intentionally. There are no red carpets, Gwyneth is the height of glossier, and amid the godfathers of Sundance that find the theater, knees are considered gauche

wanted me that it was preconceived, tough to negotiate, dysfunctional. Now I know why they keep coming back: to be surprised by good, low-budget movies that seem to come out of the blue. And among this year's crop was the strongest Canadian presence in Sundance history—11 features and 12 shorts.

On the world festival circuit, Cannes is queen. Measured by scope, new and import, Toronto comes second as its prickly mid-size sibling. Sundance, which Robert Redford created in the Utah ski town of Park City 20 years ago, ranks third. It's the scrappy proving ground on the fringes of American inde-



Opening night, Redford saunters onstage, acting oblivious to the scolding blare of our era. Stepping off a flower-potted, the star rally boy/golden boy tells the audience that after two decades he doesn't need to give another speech about the festival, then proceeds to do just that. He talks about the possible of creating art, how people's substance would come. Now they come in droves, a staggering horde of agents, buyers, distributors, sponsors and media. Everyone's well come, says Redford, but he adds the film unknown. "It's your festival, no crap."

If he sounds defensive, perhaps it's because he's the target of a chapter in Peter Biskind's recent book, *Grown and Sexy: Pictures, Abortion, Sundance, and the Rise of Independent Film: Calling Sundance and Miramax the Icons of the Indie-World*. Biskind casts Redford as a dithering Olympian, a passive-aggressive control freak who, "with his 'Sundance,'" gave the people he worked with the feeling that they were standing on air. But Biskind's solebook hook gives short shrift to the accomplished arm of the Sundance-Santana Town festival or now a shade-imbued film prod-

America did. The *Avatar* fiasco—he deserves credit for widening its horizons with documentaries and foreign fare. And if that's not an indication, his talk of "diversity" is more than an idle musing. The Canadian contingent alone was wildly diverse. It included *The Corporation*, an acclaimed documentary that diagnoses the insatiation of capitalism as a psychopath; *Sixteen Stone Lady*, a suspenseful that many deemed better than *Dream Master*; *The Godfather* (music in the World), a surreal fant-

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by about a glass-legged Jerry Schatzberg (he should be nominated) to Depression-era *Wings* and *Ragtime* levels, a camp, crackly Compton pageant of hard core porn. Meanwhile, two Canadian marvels of mid-naturalism romance, *Touch of Pink* and *A*

Bedeviled, Cox and husband David Arquette (top), The Mountain annexes Garcia Bernal

Silvia Lave, struck a chord with audiences. These fresh feature debuts are both about marriages involving an unscrupulous couple and an incapable mother. And both are based with homages to old movies. In the ongoing quest to connect a Canadian romantic comedy, *Touch of Pink* resembles a cross between *Bell* (yours/Mollywood) and *Monsieur Belame*, Jeanne Moreau's than *Death*.

Written and directed by the auteur born (in) Italy's Redford, who divides his life between L.A. and Toronto, it's the story of Alain (Jens Mastroianni), a lonely Canadian in London who tries to keep his gay relationship open the closer when his overbearing mother shows up from Toronto. An inspired touch is a drill star (out by Kyle MacLachlan) who plays Alain's imaginary friend—the dapper ghost of Cary Grant.

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from the journals of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, it stars Mexican heartthrob Gael García Bernal ('nominated) as the young Che, an ardent medical student who takes a nine-month motorcycle journey through South America with a friend in 1952. Inexplicably directed by Brazil's Walter Salles (Central Station), this contrite-painfully earnest movie explores a budding communist and a bold idealist character—an embryonic revolutionary discovering a landscape of aspiration.

Throughout the festival, I kept bumping into ghosts of bygone revolutions. After *The Merchant of Doubts*, I walked into a midnight screening of *Rabbit-Proof Fence* to see two men following past me in front of a well-sized poster of *Che*. This German-made porno series, by Canadian bad boy Bruce LaBruce, mixes sex, torture, head-crusting, and 10-day-long binges of sado-masochism such as "The revolution is my boyfriend" and "Death to the fascistic insect." The later was set by the guerrilla sex that kidnapped Patty Hearst in 1974—and it popped up again in a devastating three-military-camp *Neverland*. The *Pain and Glory* of the *Sundance* Liberation Army.

On a more nostalgic note, *Bernardo Bertolucci's The Conqueror*, a sprawling historical romance set against the backdrop of post-WWII France, is about as watchable as *Mission: Impossible* (Michael Bay's) who's elaborated by an unctuous brother and sister in a bare apartment while their parents are away. This coming-of-age allegy in Bernardo's first *Rome* in Paris, it's an exotic, and English, spin-off of a Franco-American megahit—two young film lovers whose sexual levels can't match the world trembles in the street below.

By contrast, one-of-a-kind movies from the eastern promotion arena. The most insanely intense drama at Sundance was *Napoleon Dynamite*, a deadpan revenge of the weird comedy about a teenage geek in Idaho. As the parapet, scurrying fast-grown-as-24-year-old director, Jared Hess, like a madman. But among the American tales of alienated youth, I preferred *Golden State*,

French film's Sophie Marceau and
Antoine de Prekel; Edward Norton

a quirky romance starring writer/director Zach Braff (Scrubs) as a disengaged neurotic comes home for his mother's funeral and finds a sister in Natalie Portman.

The bulk of American dreams at Sundance were dimly dark and interior. The first generation of post-9/11 movies is marked by a prudish sense of guilt. If this is the cutting edge, it's the edge of the abyss. In *The Clearing*, a charmed Willen Defoe (inopsis a great he-men) (Robert Redford) and daughter (Kirsten Dunst) walk into the woods. In November, Courteney Cox as a pally photographer is searching the random murder of bewitched boyfriends. In *The Blood Diamond*, Kevin Bacon plays a sympathetic child molester. And in *The Machinist*, Christian Bale—who looks like a cocaine-addict camp victim—starved, living in a parallel—grays-in-the-mist existence riddled with paranoid delusions.

In the portal of film department, Marni Sparkle went the other direction to make *Super Size Me*, a terrible documentary in which he eats those mamas' McDonald's,

and nothing else, for 30 days. His balloon—from 185 to 230 pounds while his doctor warns him that his liver has become dangerously packed in fat. The documentarians at Sundance were often more inspiring than the movies. They ranged from *It Ain't Telling* *Flat*, a wunderful portrait of a philosopher-chef in Greenwich Village, to *Cirk: The Confederate States of America*, a Ken Burns-like mockumentary that interrogates how the world would look if the South had won the Civil War. (Abraham Lincoln dies on the Underground Railroad in Canada, a slave-rich America loses off the 49th parallel.) Yet the most thrilling movie at Sundance was *Waiting for the Commissar*, a documentary about the dervishes who probed big waves surfing.

In the end, no new cinema's a发our emerged from the fray. But I leave finger-Tarotism, a kaleidoscopic montage of eerie excess that Jonathan Glazer, 31, began shooting stage 5. This floridly cryptic affair, sex and schizophrenia antibiotic as a wriggling heap of racial disease, a home movie from hell. And in the Sundance cross-fit, fresh blood, and the perfect(less) way, it doesn't get any better than that.



INDIE'S SUN KING

The Hollywood star talks about his commitment to independent films

HE'S BEST known as the star of movies such as *All the President's Men*, *The Way We Were*, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, and *One for the Money*. But Robert Redford, 66, is also founder and producer of Utah's Sundance Institute, an incubator for independent creators that runs workshops, labs and the Sundance Film Festival. Last week the festival presented *The Clearing*, in which he plays a holing writer. Redford talked to *Maclean's* Senior Writer Brian D. Johnson.

I don't know anyone who's identified so closely with both Hollywood and independent film as you.

I know. I'm like a walking contradiction. It's a hell of a position—and it's not right—distrust the studios as the ones that want to put my body where my mouth is in terms of supporting these films for 23 years. That's not quite true. I've made no independent films for a long time—*Downhill* *Actor*, *The Candidate*, *Apollo's Last Ride*, *Ordinary People*. These were all low-budget, independent films made within the studio system. One studio or another would give me the independence to make the film I wanted to make.

How do you feel about an industry that's now dominated by blockbusters and by a complacency to cater to a young audience?

God forbid! Not particularly. I don't believe that there should only be one thing. Hollywood being a business, you can't fault them for just being what they are. They're going to follow the money where it comes from. This year it looks like the blockbusters may have backed up on themselves for the first



time. If that's the case, Hollywood will, as Freud said, look in the other corner.

Tell me about *The Clearing*.

It's a psychological thriller by a first-time director. It had all the elements there for me to put my body where my mouth is in terms of supporting these films for 23 years. That's not quite true. I've made no independent films for a long time—*Downhill* *Actor*, *The Candidate*, *Apollo's Last Ride*, *Ordinary People*. These were all low-budget, independent films made within the studio system. One studio or another would give me the independence to make the film I wanted to make.

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Fury is probably a good word. Selective magic is more dignified. I don't want to seem like an ingrate for my own mistakes, but a lot of the time that I would just as soon be spending my life watching has been given over to Sundance.

Do you worry about Sundance getting too big for its own good?
When you become successful you become a target. People want to find something wrong with it, whether it's too many cell phones in the street or people all wearing black. The fact is we're preening the festival exactly the way we did 20 years ago.

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People | Beauty and the barre

Never Campbell is barely five minutes late, but she apologizes nervously: "I was driving around looking for parking," she explains. "For some reason, I rented a Lincoln Town Car and it's massive. I couldn't fit it anywhere." The 30-year-old actress has arrived without an经纪人; and comes across as a super-friendly down-to-earth Galloping One girl, but she's also all business, deftly navigating the conversation away from her personal life, and focusing on the subject at hand—her much talked-about, Robert Altman directed ballet movie, *The Company*.



An intimated Campbell joined the Jeffrey Inlet in *The Company*. The former National Ballet School student produced and stars in this labour of love—returning to the bare stage after a nine-year break. The Company is heavy on ballet, light on plot. Yet, it's associating and documentary-like in its portrayal of the grueling life of professional dancers. Campbell and actress Barbara Turner (Vulvoh) spent two years interviewing members of Chicago's Joffrey Ballet and then cast them in the film. They weren't expected to act as well as Campbell, but she was expected to dance like them. "It was intimidating," she says about joining the company. "But I did what my dancer would do if you go into a ballet class now: you wait for everyone to pack their spots at the barre and then you go to barre. I just waited to know I didn't come dancing; it was hot shit." This movie may be Campbell's likely, but it's no vanity project.

—SARAH REED

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John Intini starts a sentence ...
Ian Hanomansing finishes it

Canada Now anchor Ian Hanomansing landed his first broadcasting job—a gig on CKSOH radio in Amherst, N.B.—when he was just 17. Although the Trans-Adriatic horn, Sackville, N.B.-native Hanomansing earned a law degree, he stayed committed to life on air. (His wife, Nancy, is the lawyer in the family.) Over the years, Hanomansing has dedicated efforts from U.S. networks (including CNN) and CBC, opting to stay at the CBC. The Van couver-based 42-year-old recently finished Alfonso Cuarón's *Roma* and is writing screenplays. John Intini's sentences.

MY FAVOURITE FICTITIONAL CHAR ACTER IS . . . at the risk of embarrassing myself, I'm going to be honest: Capt. Frank Furillo from *Wall Street*. I loved that show, and he was such a great character—so morally oriented. SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES IN 1990 . . . was the most exciting

city story I've covered. We arrived when things were still very much on fire. We had police pointing guns at us and even a rioter, at one point, throwing a brick at our car. **RENS KILLED ON STAGE AT NANCY KRUMSON AT THE GEMINI AWARDS** (MAY 1). Thought with professional clanger, but in the end was a lot of fun.

THE PERSON I'D MOST LIKE TO INTERVIEW IS Muhammad Ali. My dad and I followed his career very closely, and I'd love for us to spend a day with Ali asking him lots of his life in and out of the ring. **I GOT THIS** (NOV. 1). As a young man playing the piano. **PEOPLE FORGET TO** . . . acknowledge and never what's important and often too quick to criticize what's not. **COOKING** . . . especially and was exactly it is not something I do.

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1. **THE GIRL WHO WOULD BE QUEEN**, by Helen Oyeyemi (2)
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3. **THE PEOPLE VS. OJ SIMPSON: AMERICAN CRIME STORY**, by Rob Kroes (2)

Non-fiction

1. **CHASING PAPER TRAIL**, by Dennis Lehane (2)
2. **RESIDENT OF GUNNISON**, by Alan Cheuse (3)
3. **GHOST SECRETARIES**, by John Hersey (2)
4. **FIND YOUR OWN WAY HOME**, by Michael Meehan (2)
5. **THE RISE AND FALL OF EMPIRE**, by James Peacock (2)
6. **THE BIGGEST MISTAKE**, by Troy E.C. (2)
7. **THE IRISH INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL LABS**, by Michael O'Leary (2)

Books | New Scotland

The modern multicultural and bilingual nature of Canada is evident and New Scotland—the nation's 10th founding—joins curling and golf to the Fathers of Confederation, Scottish culture and St. Andrews dominated. Matthew Shaw's *Colonial Scotland Uncovered* (Associated) may go a bit northward in its subtitle—How the Scots Crossed Canada—but with much for die-hard Scots ruled the fur trade, and then used its profits to create railways, banks and universities. Canada's first two prime ministers were Scots, as were a quarter of all MPs before the Second World War. The men who founded the Canadian Pacific Railway, the steel tycoon that would lead the new Dominion industries, were all Scots by birth. And although Shaw admits that some Highlanders wanted John Molson was a prominent donor to McGill University, its main benefactors were from Scotland. James McGill (that's right, Peter Hodgeback's *Scots*) William Macdonald (politician and Donald Smith (shipbuilder).





WHAT MATTERS TO MARTIN

So far, everything—and nothing. Now it's time to get proper answers.

SO IT PAUL S to Adrienne Clarkson to reveal at last what Paul Martin stands for. Or rather, whether there is anything he stands against.

The Prime Minister spent two years promising every breathing Canadian the answer is a rising. He didn't put a price tag on his generosity, but you could be forgiven for believing he had a fiscal in mind, whether you wanted billions for Canadian cities, billions in the provinces for health care, billions for seniors, billions for aid to Africa, billions for Rio+Earth, billions in tax cuts, billions in debt reduction.

On Feb. 2, the Governor General will read Martin's speech from the Throne. Maybe a month later, a budget will follow. And perhaps a month after that, an election.

It has been great fun living in a fictionland of endless promises but mostly it is over. A lot of people are getting nervous.

Don Drummond is one of them. He used to be a Finance Department bureaucrat helping produce Paul Martin's budgets. Now he's chief economist for TD Bank Financial Group. Last week he was in Ottawa telling a luncheon crowd that the almost no room for belt action.

John Manley spent a lot of money in his only budget as finance minister—and he beat record \$1 billion a year in future savings without altering the forecast and where those savings might come from. So the coming exercise Martin has already launched will go toward meeting savings targets that have already been booked. It will feel like running up a down escalator part way in place.

Distracted blunders the right square not only on Martin but on his predecessor, Martin "Mister of Budget Observers," Drummond says, "not of that increasing program spending an average annual pace of about seven per cent since 1998-99 left the fiscal situation highly vulnerable." After that, all it took to get us into this fix was a \$6.8B in tax, a small car crisis, a summer of forest fires and a soaring dollar.

So now what? Stein money from wistful



program to fully progress? Faster than that. Drummond claims the government can reduce old-age security transfers to the provinces, or defer by six months a due. That's half of the governement's program spending, off the table from the start.

Stop the gun registry? Its annual cost is currently \$173 million. Meanwhile, the nation's mayors and premiers and various unions count their demands in the thousands of millions.

The mayors used to think they could count

on Martin to deliver a "New Deal" worth more than two bubbles. Now? "I'm not too comfortable with the guy," Calgary Mayor Dave Bronco told me after his latest meeting with Martin. Either Martin is trying to keep expectations down in Edmonton and other capitals will be happy and grateful when he delivers—or he has no sense of priorities he can't figure out how to deliver any of them.

Do you pay the premiers for health care inflation? Who's left out? In December, a group in the college and university sector wrote Martin asking for a separate, dedicated post secondary risk capital transfer to the provinces. "We haven't heard back," Robert Gorrie, president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, told me.

Why an education transfer? Because, as health care rises in a fraction of previous spending, colleges and universities fall.

Meanwhile, the small grade for science applicants to the University of British Columbia is 89 per cent. UBC president Martha Piper would like to see 36,000 more university spaces in British Columbia alone. Increasing student aid is easier—Ottawa doesn't have to negotiate with the provinces to do that—but it does not go to help students afford university spots that don't exist.

The science sector is one of Canada's most spectacular success stories of the past decade. Martin can see that but no amount of spin or spin-off. The Canadian Institutes of Health Research is running down almost 3,000 research applications a year that are rated "very good" or "excellent." The success rate for applicants to the New England Award Program is only 20 per cent. CIBC founder Alan Breckinridge would be another \$179 million right away.

On look, here comes the bottom of the page and we haven't even laid out the update results for defence, Africa and debt reduction or the Kyoto record. Governing is about choosing. It is time at least for Martin to choose.

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